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Israel poll puts peace process under threat

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S election remained on a knife-edge last night, with the right-wing challenger. Binyamin Netanyahu, ready to cause a dramatic upset if votes of more than 100,000 serving Israeli soldiers confirm his slender lead over the incumbent Labour Prime Minister, Shimon Peres.

With many Israelis shocked and dismayed by the over-night change which enabled the Likud leader, 46, to reverse initial TV exit-poll predictions of a narrow win for Mr Peres, 72, the future of the Middle East peace process hung in the

One leading Israeli political analyst told Israel Radio that it would take "a miracle of biblical proportions" if the absentee postal vote was to reverse the lead of 50.3 per cent to 49.6 per cent for Mr. Netanyahu, or a total of just 21,399 votes after the count of all normal ballot boxes was

The counting of the postal הפוזובט-65 לאחיותכן פען זוס קענונופו special voters" - the majority of whom are soldiers aged between 18 and 21 but who include Yitzhak Rabin's imprisoned assassin. Yigal Amir will begin this morning. It will halt for 24 hours at sunset for the Jewish Sabbath if not complete, leaving the nailbiting to continue until a final result is announced on Sunday.

Commenting on the fitting symbolism that has left the outcome of the most critical poll in Israel's 48-year history. in the hands of the young soldiers who fashion its image around the world, Chemi Shaley, another analyst, said: If anybody had to decide these elections, perhaps it is the right thing that it is the soldiers. After all, they are the young people who have to pay the price of war. They are the young people who have to benefit from peace. I think. from an Israeli point of view. there is something morally



Netanyahu: harder line on the peace process

right about that." Ballots of hospital patients, seamen and diplomats will also go forward towards determining the final result. Traditionally, Israel's young soldiers have tended to

back the Right.

The Labour Prime Minister remained out of the public eye yesterday, ordering all senior colleagues to refrain from comment until the official result is announced. But the strain was telling and the eye infection. Many Israeli commentators predicted that the Nobel Peace prizewinner would soon stand down if he fails to reverse Mr Netanyahu's narrow lead.

Many inside Labour, including a distraught Leah Rabin, widow of the assassinated Prime Minister, blamed the collapse in Labour support on the refusal of party strategists to exploit the emotion surrounding Israel's first ever political killing during the

low-key campaign. The apparent victory of Mr Netanyahu would be a big blow to President Clinton, who had all but endorsed Mr Peres, Mr Clinton considers the US-brokered peace process one of his biggest foreign

policy successes. The acute symbolism of the army's deciding role in choosing the man who will lead Israel to the year 2,000 was increased by news, initially censored in Israel, that four

Israeli soldiers were killed in occupied south Lebanon yesterday and four others wounded in two roadside bomb ambushes by the Iranianhacked Hezboliah. They were the first Israelis killed in Lebanon since the ceasefire that ended Operation Grapes of Wrath.

The prospect of a right-wing victory sent shockwaves through the 2.2 million Pales-tinians living in the West Bank and Gaza, many of whom are expecting the tough new security policies promised by Likud — including raids in-side Palestinian police areas as likely to prompt a new and more deadly intifada. Hamas said a right-wing victory would mean "war against the Palestinians and the Arabs.

Although Mr Netanyahu said through an aide that he would press ahead with the peace process, most commentators expect his future security policy to be influenced by hardline Cabinet members such as Ariel Sharon and The latter - who was army

tinians were massacred in the refugee camps of Sabra and Chatila during the 1982 invasion of Lebanon which Mr Sharon, then Defence Minister, masterminded - said yesterday that "every clause" of the 1993 peace deal with the Palestine Liberation Organisarion should be reopened.

An employee at Jerusalem's luxury King David Hotel. summed up many feelings when he waved a fist and shouted at colleagues: "No more Palestine. Arafat is

Likud officials claimed that if Mr Netanyahu should emerge the winner, he would have no problem in forming a viable coalition during the 45day period allowed to him. Negotiations with members of the unexpectedly successful religious parties are understood to have taken place.

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ogue model too thin for Omega

By Alexandra Frean AND GRACE BRADBERRY

AN advertiser has withdrawn from Vogue magazine in pro-test at the use of "distasteful" pictures of a "skeletal" model in its June edition.

Giles Rees, brand director of the Omega watch company, said he was appalled by pictures of the American girl Annie Morton modelling underwear, which he said could exert a harmful influence on impressionable readers.

"I thought it was irresponsible for a leading maga-zine which should be setting an example to select models of anorexic proportions ... It made every effort to accentu-

Friend leaves Outback to be

haired law undergraduate, "I

remember the first time I met

him in that Afghan coat," he

He introduced Mr Blair,

who had no fixed political

leanings, to the writings of

John Macmurray, a 1920s

Scottish philosopher, which

converted Mr Blair to Chris-

Mr Thomson has taken a

keen interest in Mr Blair's

progress. He told New States-

ate their skeletal appearance," Mr Rees said. "Since Vogue pictures. presumably targets an audience which includes young and impressionable females. Joanna Vincent, director of

its creators must surely be aware that they will inevitably be influenced by what laugh-ably passes for fashion in these pages."

Mr Rees added that the photographs were likely to encourage extreme weight increasing number of young women and men were suffering from eating disorders. He said he did not believe that Omega, which uses the models Cindy Crawford and Elle Macpherson for its advertising campaigns, could benefit

became leader things started

to happen. I was getting calls

from London from people

asking me about our relation-

ship and it just became very

exciting. I wanted to be part of

it. So I talked to Tony and said

that if I came to England 1

would want to be what I am,

not to work directly in the

A few weeks ago Mr Blair

telephoned to say that he had

heard St Luke's required a

clergyman. Mr Thomson.

having discussed it with Lam-

beth Palace, was approved

The vicar turned cattle

rancher has enjoyed a colour-

ful life since he returned to his

native Australia in 1974. He

was removed from a curacy in

Melbourne as a suspected

communist and from a second post for setting up a scrap-

metal businesses to create jobs

in his parish. He was head-

master of Timbertop, one of

Australia's leading private

schools, worked in the family

estate agency, and read the

subject to receiving a visa.

political arena."

the Eating Disorders Associ-ation, said: "While these sort of media images do not actually cause eating disorders. they contribute to the problem people have in recovering from anorexia or bulimia."

Anna Harvey, deputy editor of Vogue, said that the magazine was very aware of the problems associated with anorexia. "The model is not the slightest bit anorexic."

Stephen Quinn, publisher of Vogue, said that Mr Rees's comments appeared to be motivated by sour grapes because he had objected to the way Omega watches had been

Hostility

to Europe

By PETER RIDDELL

European supreme court.

support leaving the EU.

New York agency which represents the 5'9" model, said: McDonald's. She's never had a weight problem. Annie has a 34B bust, a 24-inch waist and 34-inch hips."

the magazine on watches. David Bonnouvrier of the She drinks beer, she eats

Dunblane police admit five-hour delay

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

PARENTS waited for up to five hours in a state of fear and confusion to hear whether their children had survived the massacre at Dunblane Primary School, the inquiry

heard yesterday.

Detective Chief Superintendent John Ogg, in charge of the investigation into the shooting of 16 children and a teacher on March 13, admitted that with hindsight mistakes

had been made.
Laura Dunlop, for the victims' families, told the inquiry on its second day of the anguish of the parents as they waited for hours for news. Police had not listed the names of the injured children who were taken to hospital because they did not want treatment delayed,

Teachers at the school were asked repeatedly to walk round the gym and identify the bodies. Mr Ogg said: Understandably they kept breaking down. We had to

keep giving them breaks." As parents arrived they were split into two groups and those with children in Gwen Mayor's class were first taken to a private house near the school but at lunchtime were transferred by minibus to the school and left in a staffroom. iney requested a briefing from a senior police officer but were told that nobody was

Superintendent Joseph Holden, in charge of looking after the families, denied that the families' request for a senior officer to give them news had been ignored. He had been unaware of such a request. Murmurs of discontent from the relatives in the gallery greeted his claim that all the families had been informed between 1.45pm and 2.30pm.

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Sara Thornton walks free

Sara Thornton walked free from court yesterday after being convicted of manslaughter for stabbing to death her drunken husband and said that she had been fairly punished.

The jury of eight men and four women deliberated for six hours before substituting a verdict of manslaughter for conviction. The judge said he considered her not to be a danger to the public Page 3

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brightens May

Gravesend in Kent and Heathrow airport were among the hortest places in Britain. The outlook is cooler. though Met men believe June will be mostly sumy.

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Ray of sunshine

Parts of Britain bathed in a heatwave yesterday, rescuing May from being remembered as one of the most miserable on record. Temperatures of up to 79F (26C) provided a flash of summer which drew sunbathers to beaches in the South. while the North East and Scotland were plagued with rain and cold winds.



Blair's personal chaplain By Andrew Pierce, Political correspondent when he met Mr Blair, a longman & Society: "When Tony

TONY BLAIR'S spiritual mentor has flown halfway cattle ranch in Australia to be by the Labour leader's side in the run-up to the general election.

Peter Thomson, an Australian priest, has taken up a post at St Luke's in Holloway. north London. He applied for the post at the suggestion of the Labour leader, whose home in Islington is a tenminute walk away.

Mr Thomson, one of Mr Blair's oldest friends, arrived three weeks ago and will act as a semi-official chaplain to the Labour leader during one of the most testing years of his life. He will return home after the election.

Mr Thomson's temporary home is a far cry from his 200acre farm in the Australian Outback. He is living in a flat above a 1960s church meeting centre for alcoholics which is opposite the notorious Market council estate.

Mr Thomson, 60, was a mature theology graduate at St John's, Oxford, in 1972

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Water firms are told to pay customers who get cut off

But Bridget Prentice, part of

Labour's environment team, at-

tacked the industry, the regulator



ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

DROUGHT compensation scheme, forcing water companies to pay households £10 a day if they are cut off, was announced by the

regulator yesterday. Ian Byatt, Director-General of the Office of Water Services, criticised the industry for its level of leaks, claiming that many firms were losing more water than they did when they were first privatised.

The compensation package, which will force water companies also to pay £50 a day to businesses cut off by the drought, was immed-

iately backed by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary.

He said: "The public clearly regard it as unacceptable that where customers suffer interruptions in supply in circumstances in which these could have been avoided by a prudently managed company they receive no compensation. and so do I." Parliamentary time means that the package is unlikely to be made law during this session or in time for this summer.

But Mr Gummer said he would be looking at ways of extending the industry's existing compensation scheme, which covers non-drought interruptions, to cover

drought breakdowns during 1996. Janet Langdon, director of the and the Government for failing to deliver "a clean, regular and efficient supply of water". The situa-Water Services Association, which tion was "getting worse not bener".
she said. "What exactly has the regulator been doing? How have represents the big water companies, said: "Our member companies totally accept the principle of compensation and, over and water companies been allowed to get away with this?" above their mandatory obligations. companies have their own custom-

Ms Prentice called for an immediate end to takeovers, which ers' charters to provide compensa-Labour claims is diverting comtion on those rare occasions when panies from their basic job of water things go wrong. The water industry is on course for achieving the and sewage services. biggest reduction in leakage in its

On leaks, the Ofwat report claims that many companies are leaking as much if not more water from pipes than when they were privatised in 1989. Mr Byan said

Labour

must find

cuts says

Brown

By Philip Webster

GORDON BROWN has asked members of the Shadow

Cabinet to cut departmental

budgets to fund their pre-

ferred spending projects.

In a further illustration of his determination to hold

spending ambitions in check, the Shadow Chancellor has

has given them a month to

come up with fresh proposals

for savings in their own

The decision means that, as

the Treasury carries out its annual review of spending that Tory MPs hope will enable Kenneth Clarke to

come up with pre-election tax cuts, the Labour leadership is

mounting a similar exercise designed to show how it would

pay for any new plans. Some of Mr Brown's allies

have dubbed him the "hairshirt Chancellor"

because, they say, he is al-ready behaving as if he was in government. The overall message is that new spending

commitments can be made only if they are found from uts

The move has been revealed

by a letter to all members of

the Shadow Cabinet from

Andrew Smith, Shadow Chief

Secretary to the Treasury and

Mr Brown's number two. The

letter, obtained by The Times,

shows that Mr Brown has

been completely undeterred

by the internal party row over

his plan to scrap child benefit

for older children and replace

it with a system of educational

maintenance grants to help

the children in poorer fam-

Mr Smith's letter was sent

out after a Shadow Cabinet

meeting last week, at which

cautious optimism was voiced

relaunch tax-and-spend at-tacks on Labour. Mr Smith

writes that "public trust de-

pends on our demonstrating

clearly that our priorities are

different from the Tories and

offer real hope for the future,

which means showing where

we will make savings in order

spending areas.

solved companies would soon face legally binding targets. If those were not met, water companies could begin losing their licences

The regulator's stand on leaks. signalling an increasing resolve by his office to get tough with water companies in the face of another summer of drought, was also given unreserved support by Mr Gummer. "I have made clear that I regard levels of leakage as unacceptable and stand ready to use my powers to set standards of performance," he said.

meet their leakage targets and for being unable to demonstrate that they can run systems efficiently. A total of 855 million gallons of water leaked from water pipes and mains in England and Wales every day in 1994-95 or 161 million gallons more than targets agreed in 1989 at privatisation. The shortfall is equivalent to the daily needs of four

million people. Among the so-called "Big Ten", only Anglian, North West and Southern Water have met their targets, with only Anglian and Southern showing any significant reduced losses.

Labour and Lib Dems back latest conflict with Brussels

ter, are to argue for speedy

action in the hope that the

issue can be resolved before

the Florence European summit next month, which John Ma-

jor has threatened to disrupt.

They were boosted in their

efforts by the news yesterday

that South Africa wants to re-

sume the trade in British beef

and by a report from the world's leading veterinary body, the Paris-based World

Organisation for Animal Health, backing Britain's case

that there is no reason to ban

exports of British cattle or beef

provided current safeguards

are properly enforced, after

the scare over a possible risk

to humans from "mad cow"

Mr Hogg is due to meet his

EU counterparts in Brussels

next Monday and Tuesday to

review the ban and to seek an

immediate exemption for beef by-products such as gelatin,

tallow and semen.

Cattle farmers are to be

allowed to graze their older

animals temporarily on "set-

aside" land from next week to

ease the financial pressure caused by the beef crisis.

Under European Union rules,

land set aside, at £138 an acre,

must not be used for growing

Peter Riddell, page 11

crops or grazing cattle.

Britain rejects EU call for 40 per cent cut in fishing fleet

By Michael Hornsby and Philip Webster

BRITAIN yesterday flatly rejected European Union pro-posals to slash the national fishing fleet.

Ministers will not comply with proposed 40 per cent cuts in the fleet unless Europe acts to stop foreign-owned flag-ofconvenience trawlers catching fish in British waters. Emma Bonino, the EU Fisheries Commissioner, infuriated them on Wednesday with the Baldry, the Fisheries Minister. yesterday described the proposal for the reduction as clearly untenable".

He said Britain's case on quota-hopping, under which Spanish fishermen are buying UK-registered boats to fish the UK's quota, was "unarguable". "The Community has got to face the fact that there will be continuing anger in the UK fishing industry if Spanish-crewed. Spanish-owned. Spanish-skippered boats continue to catch fish against our

UK national quota. Ellion Morley, Labour's fisheries spokesman, voiced alarm at the Brussels proposal. Labour wanted the Commission to recognise the problem of quota-hoppers and adjust the British fleet reduction accordingly.

Robin Teverson, Liberal Democrat MEP for Cornwall and West Plymouth, said the Commission's latest proposal was "a body-blow to the industry. It offers no future to the coastal communities and it doesn't recognise the problem of quota-hoppers."

in another pointed dispute with Brussels, Britain has handed over to the European Commission the scientific report at the heart of the scare over baby milk, at the Commission's request. However, it contains little that was not already known to European scientific experts, it was claimed last night.

A Ministry of Agriculture spokesman said the tlossier supplied to Brussels did not contain the brand names or the identity of the companies involved. Nor had such information been requested by the Commission. "What we have sent was essentially what was already in the public domain and published back in March," a spokesman said. "This was backed up with a bit more data and information about the methodology used in

Major takes surprise holiday in Brittany

By Andrew Pierce, Political correspondent

JOHN MAJOR has surprised his friends and colleagues by leaving Downing Street for an unexpected holiday in France.

Mr and Mrs Major left London at the beginning of the week for a few days in Brittany. Only the couple's closest friends and associates were told in advance and Downing Street dedined to disclose any de-

tails of the trip or to say when they would return. When the Prime Minister left there was no inkling that the European Union was about to launch such a fierce counter-strike against Britain's blocking tactics in the beef war. Mr Major has been kept in regular tele-



Alison Williams: disease left her bed-ridden and blind

CJD killed woman who lived for sport

A WOMAN has died after contracting the human equivalent of BSE, an inquest in Wales has been told.

Alison Williams, 30, a keen sportswoman, died in February from pneumonia, to which she is thought to have succumbed because she was already suffering from the fatal brain condition, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. Most victims of CJD die in their sixties, but in recent years a number of much younger people have developed the disease.

It was the disclosure by the Government on March 20 of a possible link between BSE and a new strain of CID in ten people under 42, some of them teenagers, which triggered the current beef crisis.

There is no evidence yet that Miss Williams was suffering from this new form of CJD. James Ironside, a leading expert on the disease, told the inquest in Bangor: "There is still no evidence that humans

exposed to the BSE agent." Miss Williams's father,

John, 67, described how the illness took hold of his previously active daughter. "Alison was an outdoor girl who loved skiing, walking and sailing. She used to race up the other ramblers and was very healthy. But when she began suffering from the disease she could not walk straight. She lost her memory and was blind before she died."

☐ Independent scientists have about the party's success so far in fending off Tory attempts to issued a warning that it could take up to eight years to establish for certain whether BSE can be transferred to humans. Charles Weissman, a Swiss scientist, who has been asked by the European Commission to lead an independent investigation into the relationship between BSE and CJD, has ruled out any prospect of an early resolution to the central question.

to enable high priority expenditure." He says that the instances where this has been done have helped to win spending arguments. He cites as an example Labour's education plan to phase out the assisted places scheme to pay for maxium class sizes of 30 for all five, six

and seven year olds. He adds: "We need to be able to deploy more such proposals. We cannot accept that after 17 years in government, the Tories have managed somehow to get priorities exactly right in each depart-mental budget. That means we must be able to show where we would make savings in order to pay for our priroties in each department."

A SAME OF SAME Rain and cold keep Ulster voters at home

Voting got off to a slow start in the Northern Ireland. election yesterday as rain and winter temperatures kept voters at home (Nicholas Watt writes). Armed police had little company for most of the morning as they stood guard at the 584 polling stations throughout the province. By mid-afternoon, however, voting picked up as nationalists and Unionists came out to elect the politicians who will chart the future of Northern Ireland. There were 23 parties in the election, including ten Unionist parties.

Voters will elect 110 members to a forum. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, will invite party leaders who win seats to nominate negotiators to join the all-party talks that will begin on June 10. Counting starts this morning and the results will be known by afternoon.

Teachers' dilemma

Teachers are increasingly concerned that a Labour government would be indistinguishable from the present administration, a head teachers' leader claimed yesterday as David Blunkett, Shadow Education Secretary, outlined his "back to basies" crusade. David Hart, general-secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "The profession sees no difference between the main parties."

Beckett birthplace sold

The birthplace in Dublin of the playwright Samuel Beckett was sold at auction yesterday for £870,000. The identity of the buyer was not revealed. Beckett was born in the house, Cooldrinagh, in Foxrock, in 1906. The four-bedroom house, set in an acre of grounds, is regarded as being of architectural, as well as historical, interest. The gardens include a tennis court and swimming pool.

Longer drinking hours

Pubs and clubs will be allowed to stay open for an extra hour on Fridays and Saturdays under government proposals published yesterday. Public houses would be allowed to serve alcohol until midnight and registered clubs and discos would be able to serve drinks until 3am. Residents' associations in London are to meet tonight to protest that the move would cause increased anisance.

Envoy unlawfully killed

A British diplomat died from a blood clot four mouths after being shot by hijackers who tried to steal his Land Rover Discovery in Nairobi, Kenya, an inquest at Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, was told. The North Buckinghamshire coroner, Rodney Corner, recorded a verdict of unlawful killing on Graeme Gibson, 43, a father-of-two from Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

Emmerdale again

ITV is stepping up its ratings war against the BBC by commissioning a third weekly episode of the rural soap opera Emmerdale. The extra edition, which will complement the current Tuesday and Thursday episodes of the programme, is expected to be broadcast from early 1997. Emmerdale, which has a regular audience of around 12 million, is one of ITV's most popular shows.

Clark summoned

Alan Clark, a former junior Defence minister and Tory MP, has been summoned by Scotland Yard for allegedly obstructing a policeman after a bomb scare. Mr Clark, 66, is said to have driven his Land Rover through a security cordon in Piccadilly, London, in February. He is due to appear before Bow Street magistrates on June 13. The maximum penalty is a £1,000 fine or a month in jail.

Travel book wins prize

Melanie McGrath has won the \$5,000 Mail on Sunday/John Lieweilyn Rhys Prize for her book Motel Nirvana, the story of a 13,000-mile journey through the southwestern desert states of America (HarperCollins; £16.99). The prize has been presented annually since 1942 for a work of fiction, poetry, drama or non-fiction by a British or Commonwealth writer under the age of 35.

Hurd scoffs at Tory attacks on Brussels laws

BY PHILLIP WEBSTER

DOUGLAS HURD last night contra-dicted Michael Howard and other Euro-sceptic ministers who are pushing for European law to be be made subordinate to national law. The former Foreign Secretary, a

strong pro-European, defended the powers given to the European Commission and European Court of Justice as essential if the European Union was to achieve a full single market. Ad-dressing bankers in Dublin, he dismissed the claims of Euro-sceptics that the commitment in the Maastricht

lead ultimately to a federal superstate. Mr Howard, the Home Secretary, recently raised the Euro-sceptic standard with a blistering attack on the Court of Justice and a demand for Britain to start clawing back power from Brussels. Mr Hurd gave a warning that Euro-sceptics who wanted to reassert the supremacy of national law in all areas covered by the treaties would not only be tearing up

Maastricht but the Treaty of Rome. "They would also say goodbye to the single market. The supra-national powers given to the commission and

the European Court are essential if we are to achieve a full single market," he federal superstate. "Some people in my country shy away from the phrase in said. There is no argument for extending these powers into other fields where governments can operate effectively on their own. But in the field of the single market, the commission and the court are allies of those who want the playing field to be level. We should help them to move further and

While he rejected the argument that a single currency was needed if the single market was to work, he also denied the claims of those who fear the EU is moving inexorably towards a

the treaty about 'ever-closer union', which they fear as presaging a superstate. But the treaty is specifically referring to an ever-closer union of peoples," he said. "That is what the single market is about. It still has a long way to go and we should help it vigorously on its way."

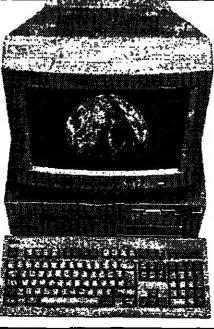
Mr Hurd's words of support con-trasted with those of the leading Eurosceptic James Cran, who told John Major yesterday that he "must not blink" in the face of pressure from

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Thornton walks free amid calls for legal reform

SARA THORNTON, walking free from court yesterday after being convicted of manslaughter for stabbing to death her drunken husband, said she had been fairly punished. She left court surrounded by

Cut of

wellwishers after a jury cleared her of murdering her husband Malcolm. The verdict brought to an end a fiveyear struggle in which she became an icon for feminist groups campaigning on behalf of battered wives.

The jury of eight men and four women deliberated for just over six hours before substituting a verdict of manslaughter for Thornton's original murder conviction.

Passing sentence, Mr Justice Scott Baker said: "I sentence you on the basis that killing your husband was diminished by the abnormality of your mind. Were I to sentence you to manslaughter for provocation the sentence would be the same. I take into account the difficulties of living with an alcoholic but you nevertheless took a life."

The judge said he considered her not to be a danger to the public. Thornton was able to walk out of court because she had already served 55 years when a jury at her first trial at Birmingham Crown Court decided she had murdered her 42-year-old husband as he lay in a drunken stupor on a couch in the family home at Atherstone, Warwick-

The verdict brought demands for the Government to abolish the mandatury life sentence for murder to allow judges to fit the punishment to the facts of each crime.

At a press conference just hours after the jury returned its unanimous verdict, Thorn-

ton. 41. said she thought that the verdict and sentence were a fair punishment for her crime: "For me it was fair. I took a life." She emphasised her abhorrence of violence: "No, never advocate violence, any form of violence. Violence is not power, violence is

Mr Thornton's family also expressed satisfaction at the verdict. Jean Murray, the dead man's sister, said: "What is important is that he has been shown not to be the terrible person she tried to make him out to be. It has cleared Malcolm's name because she has not proved she was a battered wife "

Gladys Suthers, also Mr Thornton's sister, said: "We think the jury bowed to femirust pressure. No one could stand up to that. We are not happy with the verdict but it is the next best thing to murder,"

Thornton said yesterday of the man she killed: "You need to see the person you loved and killed in a good light Malcolm had a tremendous sense of humour and he was very kind. He was very funny about his alcoholism. He was honest about his drinking and about himself."

She said the money spent prosecuting her would have been better used helping her husband to overcome his chronic drink problem. "When he was alive and lying down drunk in alleyways where was everybody, when he was running around trying to kill me?" she said. After her press conference in the Randolph Hotel in Oxford,

Thornton played tunes on a grand piano in the ballroom, including the theme from Love



Sara Thornton with her daughter Louise, 17. Just before the jury announced their verdict she stood up and mouthed "I love you" to her

Campaigners press Howard to review 70 cases

By RICHARD FORD

MICHAEL HOWARD was urged last night to review the cases of 70 women serving prison sentences for killing their male partners.
Julie Bindel, of Justice for Women,

said: "We now demand that all 70 cases of women serving a prison sentence for killing violent partners are reviewed by Michael Howard

The organisation, which led the

al, hopes to make the case of Josephine Smith, 34, another cause célébre. Smith claims that her husband, whom she killed in 1992 while he slept, was violent and made her reenact scenes from pornographic films. She lost her application for

leave to appeal in 1994. Smith, who had been married for 12 years and has three children, shot ber husband at their home at Watlington, Norfolk. Her plea of guilty to manslaughter on the ground of ed and the judge recommended that she serve a minimum of 12 years for murder. It emerged during her trial that she had secured a mortgage by fraud, and it was said she lied about the abuse she had suffered.

Justice For Women also helped in the cases of Kiranjit Abbuwhalia and Emma Humphries. Ms Ahluwhalia had been jailed for life for murdering her husband who, the jury was told, mistreated her for ten years. In a retrial in 1992, ordered after medical evidence suggested she might have been suffering from diminished responsibility because of depression. her plea of manslaughter was accepted and she was sentenced to a term she had already served.

Ms Humphries a former prostitute, was sentenced to be detained at Her Majesty's Pleasure in 1985 for murdering her lover, a former client. She had feared he was about to attack her. She won her appeal last June after the it was ruled that the jury had been misdirected on the

Child died in dentist's chair

BY BILL FROST

A DOCTOR who gave anaesthetic to a schoolgirl who died in a dentist's chair told an inquest yesterday that one of his machines was broken during the operation.

The heart of Katie Dougal, 9. of Breaston, Derbyshire, "gave up" while she was undergoing what should have been straightforward surgery on two cracked teeth at the Alexander Gordon clinic in Long Eaton, Derbyshire, on

Dr Tatas Kumar Basoo, the anaesthetist, told a hearing in Derby that a lead from a machine known as a capnograph, used to monitor harmful levels of carbon dioxide during treatment, had broken. He had decided to continue Katie's treatment, relying on experience to regulate the gas level in her lungs.

Dr Basoo admitted he was unaware of manufacturer's guidelines which stated that capnographs are the only accepted method" of monitoring CO2 and "must be used in

He was asked if he had read the 1994 Association of Anaesthetists booklet of stan-

dards of treatment and monitoring, which described the capnograph as equally necessary. Dr Basoo told Peter Ashworth, the coroner: "I have a copy of the 1988 guidelines but not that one."

He said that problems began ten minutes into Katie's operation, when her blood pressure started to drop. An injection of atrophine was administered to restore normal pressure but succeeded only temporarily.

"A relapse after atrophine is very uncommon — I've never seen it before. I turned all the anaesthetic gases off and told the dentist to stop the operation," he told the inquest.

"Her pulse rate was flat and we went into a cardiac situation. There was no heart output so I administered oxygen and was squeezing the ventilator bag. She was showing signs of recovery when the paramedic arrived. She was breathing on her own but not adequately and the heart was

still not working."

Dr Basoo added: "It's the first time anything like this has happened to me. Ninety nine times out of 100 the



heavy drinking. The prosecu-

tion had argued that his wife

attention-seeker who killed

From her prison cell after she was jailed, Thornton con-

Court of Appeal last Decem-

Her release has prompted

calls from lawyers for Parlia-

ment to intervene to change

the law on murder in cases

where battered women kill.

Yesterday Gareth Peirce, Thornton's solicitor, said:

This case makes it clear that

the law needs simplifying. For

a jury to have to resolve the

many difficult stages involved

with these charges is some-

thing not even a PhD law

student would feel comfort-

The retiring Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of

Gosforth, and his predecessor,

Lord Lane, have both urged

reform of the mandatory life

the Criminal Bar Association,

said last night: "It is time the

mandatory life sentence died a

death. It is ridiculous in this

day and age and is resulting in

trial after trial hearing con-

torted and sometimes distort-

ed medical evidence to avoid

the mandatory sentence being

Thornton plans to write a

book based on her experience

in prison, which she believes

should be a place of healing

and not of punishment.

Anne Rafferty, chairman of

able with."

her share of the house.

ber ordering a retrial.

Katie Dougal: cracked teeth were being treated

atrophine will work, as it did at first with Karie. I'm at a loss to say exactly what caused the cardiac arrest."

He denied that he had caused a build-up of carbon dioxide by supplying too little oxygen to Karie but admitted a capnograph would have kept a constant watch on the levels. There was no question that the tube was correctly inserted, he said. "I had already done 12 or 13 other operations without a capnograph that day."

Mr Ashworth said that tests had revealed no underlying condition which could have brought about the collapse. The hearing continues.

Coach suspended after accusation

By CAROL MIDGLEY

ANOTHER leading British ional diving coach, were swimming coach has been suspended after being questioned by child-protection officers over an allegation made by a female pupil. Eric Henderson, 48, a for

mer Commonwealth gold medallist, has been reported by a young woman who swims for the City of Bristol squad. He was immediately suspended by the Amateur Swimming Association and its chief executive. David Sparkes, said it would be cooperating fully with the police.

Bristol City Council, which

has employed Mr Henderson as a swimming coach for 12 years, also suspended him. on A spokesman for Avon and Somerset Police confirmed

that officers from the Family and Child Protection Unit at Bristol were investigating an alleged incident after a coaching session.
The investigation comes two weeks after the British Olympic diving coach, Mike Edge, was suspended over similar

allegations, thought to date back ten years. Mr Edge and

Lyndsey Fraser, a former nat-

shire, and are bailed to appear there in a few weeks' time.

A year ago. Paul Hickson, the former Olympic swimming coach, was jailed for 17 years for raping or assaulting il girls in his charge.

Mr Henderson, a divorced father of three who recently applied for the job of director of English swimming, said yesterday: "I feel shocked and let down. I don't know what the allegation is, but I am certainly very much innocent. Mr Henderson has worked

as Bristol City Council's sports development officer for swimming since 1984. A former butterfly international, he teaches pupils aged 12 to 28 for the City of Bristol Swimming Club and regularly runs his own morning coaching sessions at local pools.

Mr Sparkes said: "In accordance with the ASA's own strict guidelines, Eric Henderson has been suspended from membership until the issue has been resolved." An official at the ASA add-



Henderson: supported by many parents

ed: "It would be wrong to say that these recent spate of incidents are not damaging the sport - we want parents to feel this is a safe sport in all respects - but we must remember they are only allegations."

Many parents of children coached by Mr Henderson defended him yesterday. Jane Leslie, of Pilning, Bristol, whose daughter Charlotte, 17, swirns for Henderson's team, said: "This has come out of the blue. Everyone at the club is behind him. The feeling is that Eric cannot be guilty. There has never been a murmur

Schoolgirl's killer jailed for 30 years

By A STAFF REPORTER

A DOUBLE rapist who murdered a 16-year-old schoolgirl as she walked home from a pantomime was jailed for 30 years yesterday. Gavin McGuire, 37, had

denied abducting, sexually as-saulting and strangling Mhairi Julyan in December. The jury of nine women and six men took less than half an hour to find him guilty. Friends of Mhairi wept with joy and applauded as the unanimous guilty verdict was

Mhairi had gone with friends to see Sleeping Beauty at the Palace Theatre in Kilmarnock. Strathclyde. At 9.15pm she set off alone to walk half a mile to her home. Within yards of the front

read out.

door McGuire struck, punching her repeatedly before dragging her into a bus depot. Her battered and naked body was found by police next day. She had been gagged with her bra and strangled with her

The High Court in Glasgow was told that McGuire, of Stevenston, Strathclyde, had been convicted in 1977 of rape and, in August 1986, of attempted rape, for which he received a ten-year sentence. He was released in July 1993. Yesterday the judge. Lord Clyde, told him: "You have been found guilty of a callous and brutal murder of a young helpless girl and an act of atrocity.

"The number and nature of the acts of violence you have perpetrated only make the case particularly appalling. Your evident lack of humanity and self-control makes you a danger to the public." He said that McGuire

should not be released from prison except on humanitarian grounds and ordered him to serve a minimum of 30 Gordon Jackson, QC, for

the defence, offered no excuse on McGuire's behalf. He said outside the courtroom that his client had not even thought

about appealing.

Painstaking work by forensic scientists found fibres on the dead girl's naked back which were indistinguishable" from samples taken from a lumberjack-style shirt belonging to McGuire, who lived with his mother.



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'It was a scene of unimaginable carnage, one's worst nightmare. The air was thick with bluish smoke'

Head teacher calls for handguns to be banned

threw it away to his left."

His voice broke as he told

how he tried to help the injured children. Police arrived with other staff, who began to comfort the young-sters and two injured staff

lying in a corner.
"We just did what we could.

The staff were quite magnifi-cent." He was then told by

group of children who either had been disabled by the

firing of the gun, or who themselves had been thrown

to the floor, over whom

Hamilton stood and fired his

gun from a distance which

must have been simply the height of his hand above the

THE head teacher of Dunblane Primary School made an emotional plea for handguns to be banned yesterday, after telling the inquiry into the massacre how he had walked into the gym as acrid gunsmoke hung in the air.

"Prior to our tragedy in March, I really had no view about guns whatsoever - I didn't know anything about them. Ronald Taylor said. "But now I cannot for the life of me understand why anybody would wish to keep handguns at all. If people wish to continue with sporting ac-tivities, surely to goodness disabled guns could be kept elsewhere.

"I can only imagine that such people have never seen the result of what guns can do.

Mr Taylor. 46, was on the them, Mr Taylor left the gym

THOMAS HAMILTON had

stood over some of his

wounded young victims as

they lay on the gymnasium floor and shot them at point-

Detective Chief Superin-

tendent John Ogg, the senior

that the gunman's actions

blank range.

the shootings happened. He heard indistinct bangs in the distance but thought it was builders at work. Then the assistant head teacher. Agnes Awlson, 47, burst into his office crouching down and told him: "There is a man in

the school with a gun."

He hung up and dialled 999, then ran to the gymnasium. On the way he met a student teacher, David Scott, who said the gunman had shot himself. Mr Taylor said: "I burst into the gym. It was a scene of

unimaginable carnage, one's worst nightmare. The air seemed to be thick with bluish smoke and the smell of cordite was quite strong." A group of injured children

were crying in one corner. Leaving Mr Scott to look after

Hamilton fired again point-blank

as wounded children lay on floor

ballistics and from other

Bonomy, QC, for the Crown, who had said: "I want to ask

you about certain conclu-

sions you have drawn about

the way Thomas Hamilton

drawn the conclusion that in

"I think you have yourself

evidence.

to tell staff to call an ambuwas to identify the dead, which was carried out amid lance, then went back inside with the janitor, John Currie. "It was at that point I considerable chaos and connoticed Mr Hamilton at the fusion". The process was hamtop of the gym. He seemed to pered by the death of Gwenne Mayor, the class teacher, and be moving. John Currie was further down the gym than I the fact that the register had was. I noticed there was a gun lying on the floor beside Mr not been completed that morning. Nursery staff who taught Hamilton and I asked Mr the children the year before Currie to kick the gun away. were brought in to help, and he recognised some victims himself. We had to take staff We noticed that Mr Hamilton had a gun in his hand. Mr Currie moved the gun and in and out of the gym on

> traumatic," he said. One record card was miss ing and one child was wearing someone else's clothing, which added to the problems. He has since ordered that individual photographs should be included within children's records, but said pictures would have been of limited use at the time.

several occasions. It was very

After giving evidence, Mr Taylor called for support for the Dunblane Snowdrop Petition, started by eight parents of children living locally, call-ing for the private ownership of handguns to be outlawed. The organisers now have 62,000 signatures - more than the number of licences for handguns in the UK. They aim is to collect more than 200,000 signatures, equivalent to the total number of handguns legally permitted on

Speaking of the opening days of the Inquiry, Mr Taylor





Head teacher Ronald Taylor, left, said he saw Hamilton's body slumped in the gym, a gun still in his hand. The killer's mother, Agnes Watt, right, was puzzled when her son did not make his daily phone call to her

days for us. If it has been harrowing for us. you can imagine how difficult it has been for the families, so my heart goes out to them."

He praised the bravery of the wounded staff. Mary Blake and Eileen Harrild, and the others who had acted "magnificently" in helping in-

them all. The wounds in our community in Dunblane suffered as a result of Hamilton will never leave us. but with the support and understanding and love they will heal and fade with time.

Mr Taylor told the inquiry

now 45 phone lines, one in each classroom and outbuilding, and senior staff carry mobile phones. Dunblane's community policeman PC Henry Stark sits immediately inside the front door, where all visitors are issued badges and

must sign in and out.

A closed-circuit camera sys-

Killer's mother tells of

said: "As you can imagine, it jured children in the gymnasi- that new security measures tem covers the buildings and has been a harrowing two um and others around the had been installed. There are grounds, with pictures grounds, with pictures beamed directly to the lanitor's office and Stirling Police headquarters. All emergency doors are linked to a buzzer system and a review is under way to instal single entry access. All staff and parent helpers at the school have their backgrounds checked for

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chat before massacre a model son, his mother told the inquiry. He visited her twice a week, telephoned every

night and occasionally gave her money. She heard of the massacre when having missed his daily call, she rang his home and the police answered. Agnes Watt, 64, a small, dark-haired woman wearing a

white embroidered cardigan. said the night before the massacre her son had visited her, taken a bath, eaten a meal and had a "blether". She ha not noticed anything unusual. Mrs Watt said Hamilton's income came from buying and selling cameras. When he made a good deal he used to

give her £50. When he carried out the shootings, Hamilton was in severe financial difficulties with debts of more than Ell,000. The boys' clubs he ran had amassed an additional

deficit of £15,907. He had reached the credit limit of £1,500 on his Barclaycard five days earlier. His loan company had turned him down for a fourth loan. Detective Chief Inspector Paul Hughes of Central Scotland Police said Hamilton had a series of bank accounts that he juggled, refinancing them hen they became unmanageable. He owed the Bank of Scotland and the Royal Bank of Scotland £3.511; he owed Barclaycard £1,500; the debt on his Debenham's card was £737.74; he had three other loans totalling £5,350. His bank balance was 3p. In addition, Hamilton was behind on his council tax and the local authority had started legal action against him. Mr



Hamilton: had debts of more than £11.000

Hughes said Hamilton used credit cards to buy firearms by mail order.

Hamilton, 43, was born in Glasgow in 1952 to Agnes and Thomas Wan, a bus driver. Shortly after his birth his parents separated and Mrs Watt returned to live with her adoptive parents, Catherine and James Hamilton, taking her baby son with her. As part of the divorce arrangements. Mr and Mrs Hamilton adopted the baby and brought him up as their own. It was not until he was a teenager that he found out that Agnes Watt was his natural mother. Even after that. Hamilton treated her as a sister.

When he was aged about nine, the family moved from Glasgow to Stirling. The inquiry was told that although Hamilton and his mother were close, he played a cruel trick on her. Sheila Sutherland, a close friend of Mrs Watt, said Hamilton had a "malicious schoolboy sense of

mother had developed diabetes and Hamilton had got a friend to telephone her, telling her that she would have to go to hospital in Inverness, 100 miles away. Mrs Sutherland said: The call had greatly distressed Mrs Watt." She said the incident had blown over and Mrs Watt and her son had remained close.

Mrs Watt said she knew of only one friend of Hamilton's. a Jim Gillespie, who visited him from time to time. She debts her son had but said she had given him £20 on two occasions when he was short of money.

The Lord Advocate, Lord Mackay of Drumadoon, asked Mrs Watt if she had noticed anything different about her son in the last few weeks of his life. Mrs Watt replied: "No." She said he had made no complaint to her about the local authority.

Mrs Watt met Hamilton in town on the Monday before the killings. He told her he was going to Stirling University but he did not say why. The next day he visited her at home around 2pm and left at 6pm. "He took a bath, had something to eat and we sat and blethered." she said. The conversation was about Mrs Watt's father, James Hamilton. It was a perfectly normal conversation, she said.

A statement was read to the court from James Hamilton. 87. Hamilton's grandfather and adoptive father. In it he said Hamilton never smoked or drank, had no girlfriend and never lost his temper. "He

Parents had to wait three hours for information

the school soon after the shootings as news filtered through the village. They knew that something terrible had happened but they didn't know what," Laura Dunlop, advocate for the families of the

victims, said. The parents of children in Gwen Mayor's class, some carrying younger brothers and sisters, were told that this was the class affected. Miss Dunlop said that the surviving children wanted their parents and the priorities of the parents was to be with their children. But there was a delay of more than three hours before some of the parents of the injured were informed.

Andrew Gibb, solicitor for the Mayor family, told the inquiry that Mrs Mayor's husband, Rodney, was ush-ered into the school library alone at lpm. not knowing that his wife was dead. After half an hour he threatened to go to the media to find out what had happened. It was only then that he was told,

Mr Mayor then spent a frantic hour trying to contact unbeknown to him, had arrived at the school at about 12.30pm and had been ushered into the staff room, only yards from her father. It was not until 2.45pm that Esther and her father met.

Under cross-examination, Detective Chief Superintendent John Ogg said his information was that a senior officer had briefed Mr Mayor as soon as he arrived at the school, but he admitted that his information could be wrong and said lessons would be learnt from the incident.

Mr Ogg said the situation at the school had been unbelievable. "For the first hour it was chaotic, with injured children being removed and treated at the locus." He saw police officers crying at the scene.

He said that, with hindsight, a list of the injured children should have been taken before they left the school. He admitted that even the most seriously injured children had been able to

identify themselves to doctors. Superintendent Joseph Holden, in charge of looking

PARENTS started flocking to his daughter. Esther. who, after the families, was criticised by lawyers for the be-reaved for allowing the media to gather around the house where relatives were being kept immediately after the massacre. Asked why he had not told the relatives earlier in the day who was dead and who injured, he said that information was not forthcoming from the hospital and the identification of bodies in the gym was "shaky".

At 11.15am. less than two hours after the killings, he told the parents that he did not know how many were dead, only to be told by one of the fathers that radio bulletins

were announcing 12 deaths. "I was shocked. The information could have been correct, I didn't want to deny it. I didn't know that information." he said. He agreed that information must have been given to the media before relatives. "I felt quite keenly that I was the person who was responsible for giving information to those parents and, obviously, early in that morning an announcement like that affected

my credibility with parents."

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Marquess of Bristol sells off titles for a place in the sun

THE Marquess of Bristol raised a much-needed £52,000 yesterday when he sold off ancient titles that have been in his family for generations. He plans to leave the family seat at Ickworth in Suffolk and build a beach home and a new life in the Bahamas.

Lordships of the manor are the basest coinage of the British aristocracy, but still have a wide-ranging appeal. The buyers of the marquess's eight lordships sold at a London auction yesterday will gain no entry in Debrett, neither land nor house, and certainly no droit de seigneur

over the brides of the parish. Michael Whatley, a solicitor, paid £7,300 for the lordship of the manor of Doveton Hall, near Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk, because that is where he now lives. The title dates back to 1292, but carries no particular rights or privi-leges. "It's just a bit of fun if it your own home that the title lates to," an agent acting for

Other



The marquess new life

narrowly outbid Nick Doveton, 20, a photographer bidding for his mother, whose ancestors were lords of the manor of Doveton in the 14th century. "We are researching the life of Robert de Doveton, and the lordship might have given us a lot more information about him," a disappointed Mr Doveton said.

Mr Whatley will be entitled to put his title on letterheads and anywhere else he chooses He may call himself Michael Whatley, Lord of the Manor of

Lord of Doveton, He may not call himself Lord Whatley of Doveton, or Lord Doveton. Another of Lord Bristol's lordships was bought for £4,200 by Jean Evans, who farms land in Suffolk to which the title relates. "I have no idea if it gives me any special rights; it is just nice to keep history together," Mrs Evans said. The bargain of the day went to David Mullins, 53, who

owns a chain of employment agencies in Brighton; he paid £30,500 for the barony of Gorey in Co Wexford. Irish baronies are a different animal from lordships of the mal from fordships of the manor, although almost equally worthless. Mr Mullins has bought the right to call himself Baron of Gorey but will still not get into Debrett.

"My family were all servants to Lord Arundel of Wardour in Wilshire; my grandfather was his crach-

Lords of the manor were the grandfather was his coachlinchpins of feudal England. man," Mr Mullins said. "After offering protection and land to all that service, I wanted a title their tenants in return for rent for myself." Lordships of the paid in money or labour. But manor are among the most ancient titles in England, with with the agrarian revolution rising prosperity, the

their roots in Saxon times. The Domesday Book of 1086 lists 13,418 English manors and their owners. William the system was eroded and with it the power of the manorial lord. In 1922, the most revolu-tionary piece of land legislation this century swept away the last vestiges of feudal Conqueror distributed lordships to his Norman barons and supporters, as did Henry VIII after the dissolution of the tenure, replacing it with mod-em-style freehold or lease-hold. The Law of Property Act took away the lord's jurisdiction over all land except that which he owned himself, and the lord's titles and powers became largely redundant, easily bought and sold as

baubles on the open market

David Mullins, the new Baron of Gorey, with his fiancee Carlotta Hendricks

There was little trade in them until the 1980s, when property values soured and the upwardly mobile sought further trappings of snobbery and success to go with the

Only a few rights, and occasionally a charter, remain with the titles. Some lords still have the right to hold markets and fairs, to mine for minerals and to charge BT for tele-

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Why the wealthy of the world are to the manor drawn

million a year, according to Manorial Auctioneers, which claims to handle 90 per cent of

Robert Smith, chairman of the Manorial Society of Great Britain, of which Manorial Auctioneers is a trading arm, said: "The average price is £8,000, but it fluctuates. In 1989 it peaked at £11,000. Prices dropped in the early

1990s but are picking up.
"We get Americans buying them, but most go to British buyers, sometimes expatriates. Many people buy them when they purchase a manor house and want the title to go with it. It often appeals to the man who has made good and has bought himself a Rolls-Royce as a

status symbol." When Abdul Latif arrived in Britain in 1969, he could barely speak English. Two years ago the Bangladeshiborn restaurant owner joined the ancient gentry as a lord of for the title Lord of Harpole with a domain in Wickham Market, Suffolk, He said: "!

When we announced last March that Virgin

Direct was entering the PEP market, the financial services industry scoffed. They said we were naive

THE sale of titles is worth (3) use the title on my menu and on the front of my restaurant. Some people think I am very important and they have good faith in my name.

Joseph Hardy, a Pennsylvania lumber tycoon, outbid a Japanese buyer to pay £85,000 for the lordship of Henley in Arden, Warwickshire, in 1990. Mr Hardy, one of the richest 200 men in America, with a £240 million fortune, uses the title to market his spa resort in

Pittsburgh.
Gerald Rand, a wealthy businessman and retired master builder who owns Lynford and four local lordships, saves around £20 each year on the bill for heating and lighting his 110-room mansion because he carries poles and pylons on his land. Mr Rand says he regrets the commer-

title buying. Last year, a Hong Kong solicitor, Ma Ching Nam, paid £330,000 for the 17thcentury Mounie Castle near Oldmeldrum, Grampian, and the right to call himsel



The Duchess of York with Princess Beatrice. She and Princess Eugenie will stay with their mother

Clerk sets seal on Yorks' divorce

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE marriage of the Duke nothing about the financial officially ended yesterday with the processing of a nondescript-looking piece

Ten years after the couple wed on a day which for millions represented a new chapter in the future of the Royal Family, a legal clerk issued a decree that their divorce was now "absolute". After the three years they have lived apart, the most noted immediate public impact on the couple will be that the Duchess will no longer use the

title "Her Royal Highness". A spokesman for the couple said: Today marks the end of a chapter in their family's life and the start of a new one." The humble but historic document carried a standard fee of

It was a far cry from the cost of the Westminster Abbey wedding although the legal bill for the divorce will be rather higher.

The low-key issue of the decree absolute by the Family Division of the High Court came at the first legal chance: six weeks and one day after the Duke was granted a decree nisi. The Duke applied for the divorce, with the Duchess's consent, on the grounds that they had been legally separ-ated for more than two years. Buckingham Palace would say little yesterday - and

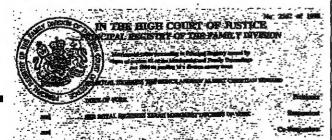
that the Duchess has agreed to a £2 million financial package, under which she gets a relatively modest £500,000 from the Royal Family.

The Palace repeated a state-

ment made three years ago that the children would continue to live with the Duchess and that both parents would bringing. A spokesman for the Duke and Duchess said: "It is still true that they remain close friends. They are dedicated parents, committed to raising their daughters together. Their top priority is to ensure the children's wellbeing and happiness along with their

Yesterday, as the legal paperwork was processed in a small room on an upper floor corridor at the back of Somerset House in the Strand, the couple were 130 miles apart. The Duke was at work at the Royal Naval Air Station at Portland, Dorset, after a night journey in the Royal Train. He had spent yesterday in York, the dukedom of which the Queen gave him on his marriage to Sarah Ferguson on July 23, 1986.

The Duchess spent the day at home in Wentworth on the Surrey-Berkshire border with their children, Princess Beatrice, seven, and six-year-old



The £20 decree absolute document which ended the Duke and Duchess's marriage after ten years

Writer's Whisky Galore . home is put up for sale

By ROBIN YOUNG

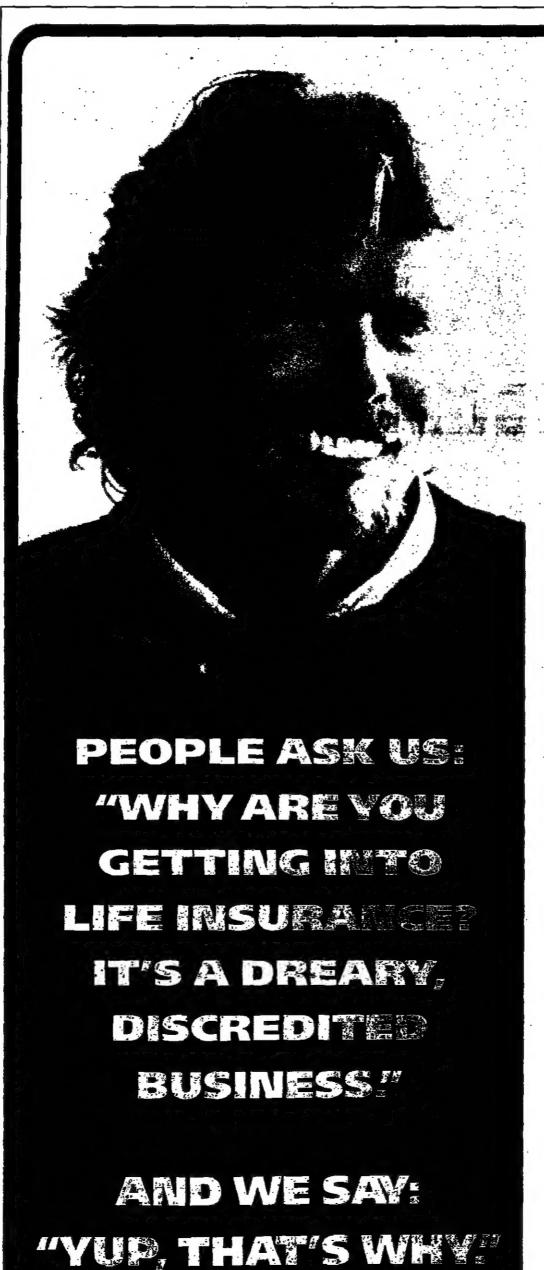
THE island home where the comedy classic Whisky Galore was written is up for sale.

Compton Mackenzie wrote his best-seller about parched islanders rescuing a Second World War cargo of whisky from the wreck of a ship after the SS Politician sank near his house on the Isle of Barra

in the Outer Hebrides. The Politician was carrying clothing, luxury goods, mil-

lions of pounds of foreign currency and 22,000 cases of whisky to America when she hit rocks between Barra and Eriskay in 1941. The islanders are believed to have unofficially liberated as many as 5,000 cases of whisky before the authorities intervened.

The present owner, Harold Cousins, is moving back to his native Lake District with his wife Brenda. The Oban estate agents Alexander Dawson are inviting offers above £90,000.



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THE number of deaths on the roads fell last year to the lowest level since accident records began in the 1920s, putting the British second only to the Norwegians as the safest drivers in the world.

A total of 3,621 people were killed in traffic accidents in 1995, according to statistics published yesterday by the Department of Transport This is a drop of 29 on 1994 itself a record low year. Serious injuries also fell last year by 2 per cent to 45.523, while slight injuries totalled 261,362,

a 1 per cent drop.

Last year's figure is the lowest since 1926, when road deaths were counted for the first time. Since then traffic has increased fourteenfold but road fatalities are 25 per cent lower. The worst year for road deaths was 1941 when the blackout contributed to the overall total of 9,169 fatalities.

Measured by deaths per 100,000 of the population, Germany has nearly twice as many traffic fatalities, France almost three times more, while Portugal's rate is six times higher. However, the national secretary of the cam-



paigning group Road Peace said the figures were not a true reflection of the death toll. They do not take into account people who die 30 days or more after an accident and, with medical advances, that is happening more often," said Brigitte Chaudhry. "Also, the people who are most vulnera-

ble are abandoning the roads because they are so scared. The figures cannot be compared with when the majority of people walked to school and work. Now, nearly everybody is in their safe little metal box."

Steven Norris, the Road Safety Minister, welcomed the figures, which he said showed that "our road safety message is getting through". Roadsafety organisations said the trend reflected better emergency care at the scene of accidents, safer cars and the effect of the Government's drink-driving campaigns. Edmund King, head of cam-paigns at the RAC, said air bags, side-impact bars and crumple zones had played a crucial role. Deaths from drink-driving

have fallen from 1,110 in 1983 to 550 in 1993, while compulsory front passenger seatbelts. introduced in 1983, save an estimated 370 lives a year. injuries to pedestrians and children were also down. Child casualties fell 3 per cent to 43,788. This figure included 270 deaths and 6,983 serious injuries. Pedestrian casualties decreased by 3 per cent to 47,029. Pedestrian deaths fell 8 per cent to 1,038.



U534, which was sunk in May 1945, is towed past the Liver Building yesterday on her way to Birkenhead docks

Salvaged U-boat resurfaces in Liverpool man, said he did not know if the maps and documents would help to solve the

A GERMAN U-boat sunk by an RAF bomber at the end of the Second World War has arrived at its new home on the Mersey after spending more than 50

years on the sea bed. U534 was thought to have been bound for South America, carrying escaping Nazis to Argentina, when she went down in Danish waters in May 1945. When the boat was salvaged nearly three years ago she was found to contain maps, docu-ments and enough food and drink—

including beer, wine bottled in 1936 and perfectly preserved tins of corned beef to last the crew for 11,000 miles.

The boat, acquired by the Warship Preservation Trust, arrived in the Mersey on a barge yesterday after being delayed by bad weather. U534 will be berthed in Birkenhead docks and officials from the trust hope to use the ground floor of a warehouse near the waterfront to house a display of the treasures found on board. Sir Philip Goodhart, the trust's chair-

mystery of the vessel's last mission.

"It is possible that the crew had not been given their orders before she was sunk." he said. There was an Argentinian radio operator on board, which lends weight to the argument that she was on her way to South America.

"I think the controversy over what she was doing adds a bit of spice to the U-



Moore pays for Squires operation

ILLNESS and old age have helped to ease one of the showbusiness world's longest rifts. Roger Moore has paid for a cancer operation for his former wife. Dorothy Squires.

The one-time screen James Bond sent the 81-year-old former singer a cheque for £15,000 and a large bouquet with the message: "Don't worry, to Dot with my love, Rog." She is now recovering at home in the Rhondda village of Trebanog, after treatment

at a private hospital in Cardifi Moore, 68, underwent an operation last year when he was diagnosed as having a suspected cancer of

The two first met when Moore was a struggling young actor. They married in 1953, but separated after nine years. Squires refused a divorce for seven years. The marriage was dissolved in 1969. The singer's career went into decline and, despite several comeback appearances, she was declared bankrupt in 1980. She has never

remarried. Moore, who lives in the south of France, is estimated to have a personal fortune of E23 million from his career. His subsequent marriage to an Italian. Luisa Mattioli, has broken up and he is now living with a Dane, Christina Tholstrup.

NEWS IN BE One third of babies illegitimate

More than a third of the babies delivered in England and Wales last year - 33.9 per cent - were born outside wedlock. The figure was 19.2 per cent in 1985, according to the Office for National Statistics. Most were registered in both parents names. The average age of mothers giving birth was 28.5 last year, compared with 27 in 1985. The number of five births dropped by 17,000 over the year, to 648,000 in 1995.

Madam fined

A madam who runs a brothel near Thames Valley police headquarters has been fined shire, earned up to £50,000 from £120-an-hour fees. She said she would have to stay in business to pay the fine.

A bridge too far

An Arnhem veteran who escaped without a scratch from one of the worst battles of the Second World War was run over when he returned to the scene on holiday. Bill Boyes, 72. of Mirfield, West Yorkshire, suffered an injured hand and knee when he was struck by a scooter.

Player's plea

Liverpool defender Neil Ruddock, 28, denied obpolice inquiries structing police inquires after his Porsche Carrera reported stolen, was found overturned in January. The footballer did not appear before Southport Magistrates and the case was adjourned until June 26.

Return flight

Lincolnshire County Council was the buyer of a collection of RAF Dambusters' memorabilia sold for £6,325 at Bonham's in London on Tuesday. The collection will go on show at Grantham Museum. The 617 Squadron flew from RAF Scampton. just north of Lincoln.

Blow for boxer

A boxing fan whose car was driven into by former WBO cietu champi Herbie Hide left Norwich Magistrates' Court with £989.27 in compensation and the boxer's autograph. Hide, 24, was given a two-year conditional discharge for causing criminal damage.

Royal car for sale

A black Rolls-Royce Phantom which has belonged to Princess Alexandra since 1971 will be auctioned by Sotheby's on June 15. The car has done less than 3,000 miles and is expected to fetch £40,000 at the Rolls-Royce Rally at Althorp Park,

Best landlady

The owner of a restored farmhouse who has been in the accommodation business since only 1992 is AA Land-lady of the Year. Judges said Murid Orme of Bank House, Oakamoor, Staffordshire, and her husband had quickly made it a friendly and enjoyable place to stay.

Fresh trend means salads are in the bag

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THE latest trend in supermarkets is toward fully prepared fresh produce, including fresh produce, including trimmed and peeled vegeta-bles and washed and mixed salads. The salad selection at Marks & Spencer includes Californian, Italian and herb mixes, while Sainsbury's has just added 15 new lines to its

Fresh 'n' Ready range. Some fish species, including herring, mackerel and sardine, are in short supply this week, but cod is in excellent condition and about £2.80 a lb for fillets.

Promotions include: Asda: all British beef prime

cuts reduced by 20%. Cyprus loose potatoes 25p a lb. tomatoes 34p a lb, strawberries £1.09 for 454g. Budgens: fresh haddock cutlets or fillets £5.76 a kg,

tomatoes 99p for 750g, yellow Honeydew melons El.29 each. Co-op: fresh British topside/silverside beef £4.99 a kg. cooked peeled North Atlantic prawns £1.79 for 125g, gartic ciabatta bread 99p for 230g, diet lemonade 38p for 1.5 ltr. Harrods: marinated fish ke-babs £4.49, English aspara-gus £2.99 for 354g.

iceland: skinless chicken fillets £3.49 for 700g, salmon steaks £2.99 for 680g, trout £2.99 for 800g, garden peas

69p for 907g, chocolate ice cream £1.49 for 2 ltr. Marks & Spencer: reduced fat prawn cocktail £1.69. Lite fromage frais 99p for four; soft scoop ice cream £1.89 for 2ltr. Morrisons: whole trout £1.29 a lb, undyed smoked cod £2.25 a lb, plaice fillet £3.25 a lb. oysters 39p each.

Safeway: skinless chicken thigh fillets £2.99 for six. cucumber and Iceberg lettuce 49p, cherry tomatoes 99p a lb. Thompson white seedless grapes 89p a lb.

Sainsbury's: Greek-style minted lamb kebabs £2.59 for 227g. Jersey Royal new pota-toes 29p a lb, cucumbers 39p each. Iceberg lemces 49p each, Galia melons 99p each. Somerfield: asparagus £1.59. for 250g, Lollo Rosso lettuce 49p each.

Tesco: fresh turkey stir fry £5.99 a kg, cod fillet £1.95 a lb. asparagus £1.99 a pack, spinach 49p for 250g, medium. Galia melons 99p each, Waitrose: lemon and pepper chicken £2.79 for 300g. breaded scampi £1.99 for 170g. avocado pears 29p each, large. Gaia melons £1.49 each, sweetcorn 99p for two. satsumas 59p lb. blueberries £1.99 for 125g.

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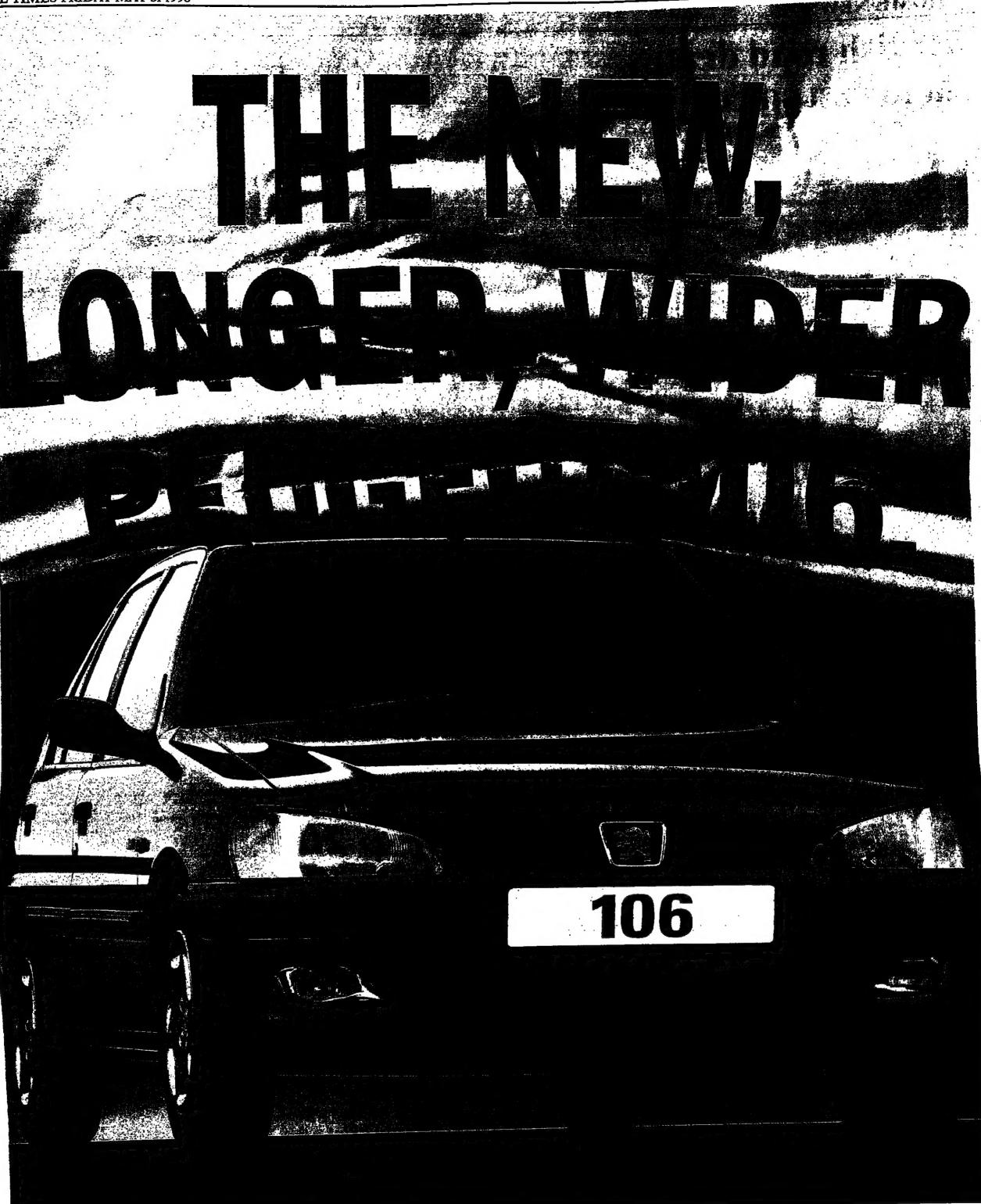
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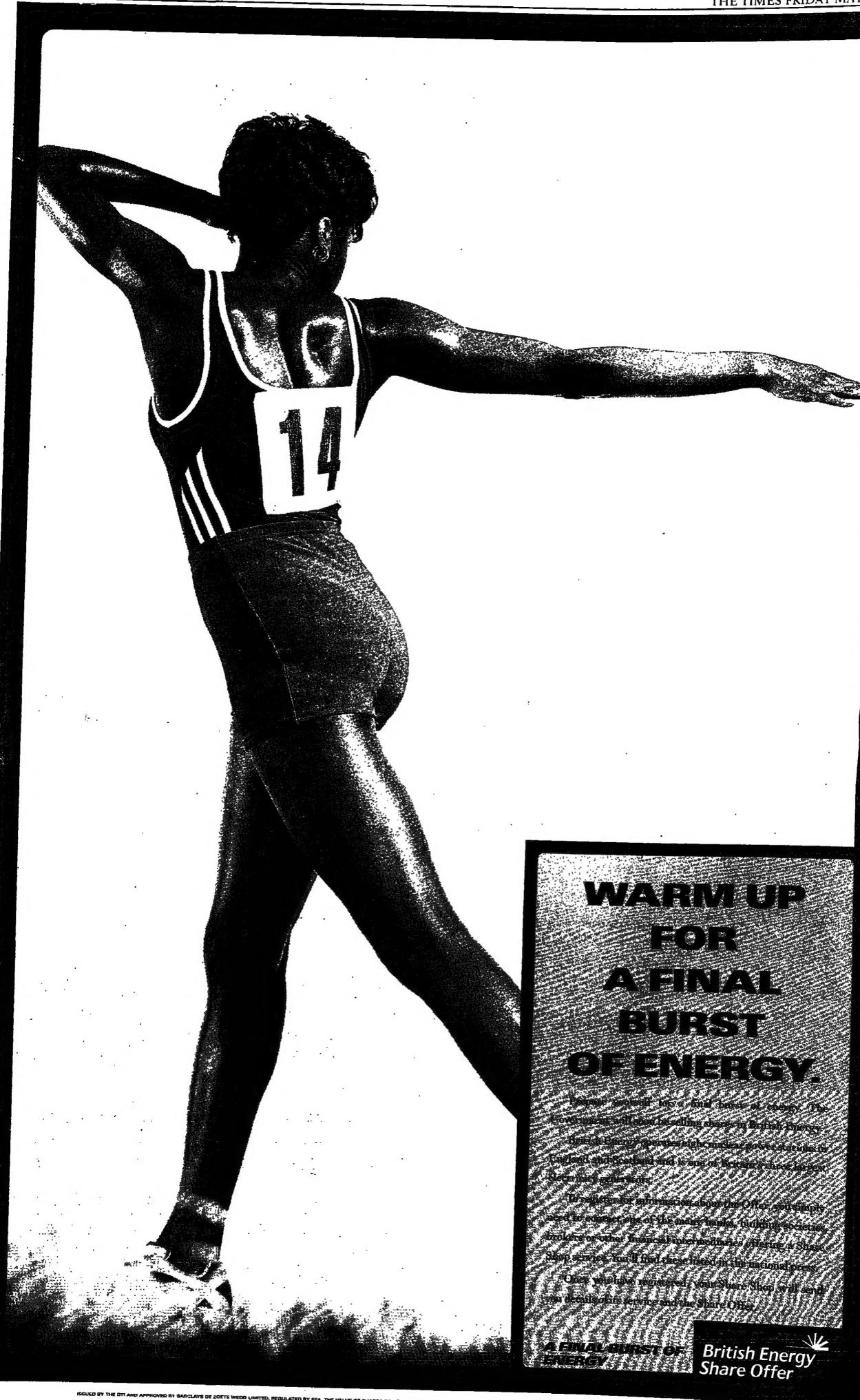
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*Passenger shot dead after argument over minor road crash

By ADRIAN LEE

A MAN was shot dead in a London street and his friend injured as they argued with a motorist over who was to blame for a minor traffic Detectives said they were as

yet unsure whether the incident was another example of "road rage". The 35-year-old victim was a passenger in a Mitsubishi Lancer which apparently failed to stop after colliding with a dark sports car at 11pm on Monday, police disclosed yesterday.

The sports car pursued the Mitsubishi at high speed for a mile through north London before there was a dispute over who should pay for the damage. A handgun was produced and one man was shot twice in the head. He died at the roadside. Another passenger, aged 4!, was shot in the face at close range, but sur-vived. The 33-year-old driver of the Mitsubishi was threatened, but escaped across

detectives that they did not know their attacker. Witnesses said they saw their red Lancer estate being chased by the sports car, driven by a man who was waving a stick out of a window. The two vehicles, which had collided in Seven Sisters Road at Manor House, north London, stopped in Surrey Gardens, Harringay,

where there was a fight. The dead man was a Ghanaian-born German who was on holiday in Britain. The injured man, who is also Ghanaian but lives in London, was released from hospital after treatment.

The killer was described as white, in his 30s, 5ft 8in tall, well built and with a London

Detective Chief Inspector Glenn Gilbertson, who is leading the inquiry, said: "I personally don't like to use the term road rage because I believe it trivialises what can be a serious matter. There are still a lot of questions to be answered, but at the moment

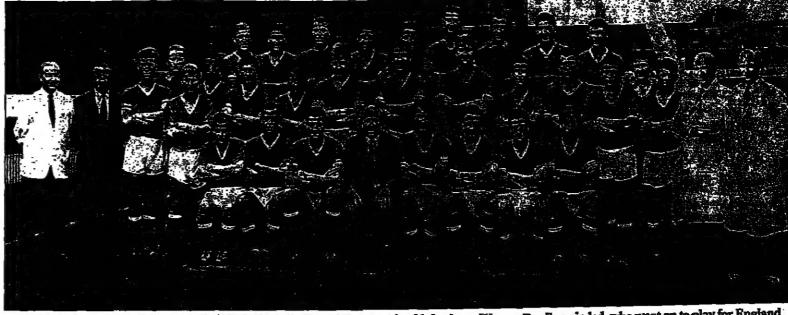
it appears to be something that followed on from a belligerent incident between drivers.

Detectives said they believed the weapon used was a .22 handgun, which has not been recovered.

Mr Gilbertson said he was anxious to find witnesess. "What I am keen to do is to trace anyone who saw any part of that incident who may be able to give us some lead as to whether that was the root cause of the incident, or whether it perhaps goes back further than that."

Sandy Myles, 47, a market

researcher, who lives in the cul-de-sac where the man was shot, heard gunshots. "I looked out the front door and saw a group of men screaming and yelling. There was no street lighting so it was hard to see. I phoned 999 and went to have another look. I heard one gunshot, immediately shut the door, then there were two more." He then called an



The Manchester United players and staff of 1959, including Bishop Auckland left-winger Warren Bradley, circled, who went on to play for England

Blair tackles United over debt to stricken amateurs

BY PAUL WILKINSON

TONY BLAIR is calling on Manchester United to repay a debt of honour and save a famous non-league team threatened with extinction. The amateurs of Bishop Auckland, close to the Labour leader's Sedgefield constituency in Co Durham, are facing bankruptcy after agreeing to pay £30,000 damages to a visiting player injured in a tackle.

Mr Blair wrote to the Cup and League winners this week, reminding them that Bishop Auckland helped

them out after the Munich air disaster 38 years ago. Many of United's young stars were killed or injured and Bishops loaned the Manchester club several players to enable it to complete its fixture

Mr Blair said: "When the tragic Munich air crash occurred and Manchester were unable to turn out a team to complete their league fixtures, Bishop Auckland came to their rescue. Bob Hardisty captained the reserves and helped bring on the young players, while Warren Bradley played left wing for the first team and within

England side.

"Bishop Auckland's generosity at this time should be included in the great sporting stories of all time. It would be very sad to see this club disappear. Bishop Auckland holds a special place in the hearts of most

people in the North East." Bishop Auckland is a founder member of the Football Association and has won a series of honours in its 110-year history. The club, which was not insured, faces closure over damages it must pay by June 6 to George

Shepherd, a Macclesfield Town play er, who suffered a broken leg. Local people have rallied round to raise more than £13,000, to be boosted by a sports day on Sunday. So far, approaches to Manchester United and neighbouring giants Newcastle United have gone unanswered. Steve Newcomb, Bishops' chairman, said he hoped the Labour leader's intervention would produce a result "It is wonderful to know such a senior

politician has time to help."

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Murdering Thai monk reprieved

BY ANDREW DRUMMOND

THE THAI monk who murdered British backpacker Jo Masheder in the grounds of a Buddhist temple has been spared the death sentence to mark the fiftleth anniversary of the reign of King Bumibol of Thailand.

But Sandra Gregory, the Briton who was jailed for 25 years for trafficking in 89 grams of heroin earlier this year, had heard nothing by late yesterday about a possible cut in her sentence.

Yodchart Suephoo, 21, who had raped a Thai girl and admitted raping an Austrian tourist before killing Miss Masheder, from Cheshire, early this year, had his death sentence commuted to life imprisonment. It means he is

announcement was made by Sornchai Montriwat, the Deputy Interior Minister, who also announced the reprieve of a former communist insurgent accused of killing a policeman. But Gregory, from Sowerby Bridge. West Yorkshire, and about 30 other

Britons had heard nothing.

A British Embassy spokesman said: "Our understanding is that the pardons announced today were made unofficially in a briefing with local journalists. We are waiting to here what Britons are on the list."



A diploma for Poirot

BY PAUL WILKINSON

SIR PETER USTINOV is to collect an honorary diploma from a leading forensic science academy on behalf of his screen persona, the Agatha Christie detective

Hercale Poirot. He will join **National Training Centre for** Scientific Support to Crime Investigation, near Crook. Co Durham.

The qualification, the first of its kind, is accredited by Durham University, where Sir Peter is the Chancellor. Peter Ablett, the centre's di-rector, said: "His portrayal of Poirot and his close links with Durham University make him a natural choice for the honorary award. The course recognises the impor-tance of examinations at the scene of the crime."

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Gulf War victim is 'cured' in **America**

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A VETERAN of the Gulf War who suffered a life-threatening illness after the conflict says he has been cured by treatment in America. Robert Lake, a former REME corporal, was one of the worstaffected of a growing number of veterans claiming to suffer from Gulf War syndrome.

A year ago he was in a wheelchair and losing weight. After intensive treatment at a clinic in Texas, paid for by the Army Benevolent Fund, he has been able to "throw his wheelchair into the garage". Mr Lake, 28, whose weight

fell from 13 stone to 8 stone, said yesterday: "The treatment has changed my life."

His illness was attributed to the anti-nerve gas injections and tablets he took to counter the feared threat from Iraqi chemical and biological warfare attacks.

Mr Lake, who lives in Yorkshire with his parents, was treated by the American Environmental Health Fourdation in Dallas with an antibody developed for veterans suffering from supposed Gulf War syndrome.

Virginia Murray, a consultant in occupational and environmental toxicology at Guy's Hospital, London, said that this type of illness, Other Guilf. the virus contributes to the War veterans whiled the same of the distance sarily benefit about the same A main led by Professor

Children of migrant Irish hit by high death rates

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

CHILDREN of Irish immigrants are suffering far higher mortality rates than the rest of Britain's population, but no one can explain why.

Among men of working age with Irish parents, death rates are 26 per cent higher than for those from British families, a study has revealed. For women the difference is greater, at 29 per cent. The gap is still wider in the 15 to 44 age group - men are 45 per cent more likely to die and women

64 per cent more likely. The difference persists even when corrected for social class and covers most major causes of death. Cancer was especially common among Irish men of working age and among women over 60.

The figures, published in the British Medical Journal, come from a study by Seer-omanie Harding of the Office for National Statistics and Professor Rasaramam Bala-jaran of Surrey University. Using the 1971 census, they identified a group of 6,308 people aged 15 or over, born in Britain to parents born in Ireland. Those who had died by 1989 — a potal of 1,548 by 1989 - a total of 1.548 were identified from the NHS central register and the death

rate compared with figures for people of British parentage. Those born of Irish parents had higher rates of death for most of the major causes, including cancer, heart dis-

injuries and suicides. Only in deaths from stroke did

they have a lower death rate.

Ms Harding says that a
precisely similar sample is not
available to compare these figures with death rates in Ireland. An earlier study has shown that first-generation Irish immigrants suffer higher death rates than those they leave behind.

This is unusual for immigrant groups," Ms Harding says. "Usually they are health-ier than the people who remain in the country of origin." It has been argued, she says, that the ease of immigration from Ireland to Britain may have encouraged the less healthy to migrate, explaining higher death rates in firstgeneration immigrants.

The findings clearly show that the second-generation Irish continue to experience adverse mortality risks, paradverse mortality risks, particularly at younger ages," the authors say in BMJ. In a commentary, John Haskey, a statistician from the Office of National Statistics suggests that some important elements of "being Irish" persist beyond the initial migration — but it remains unclear what these are The fact that many recole are. The fact that many people of Irish extraction live in big towns and are over-represented in manual occupations is not enough to explain the



Rachel Howker, Il, who has been released from hospital in Tampa, Florida, after emergency surgery for a heart condition. Rachel, from Manchester, was on a trip to Disney World when she collapsed. She is expected home on Monday

Cervical cancer vaccine 'hopeful'

against cervical cancer have shown encouraging results, a British team has reported. The cancer, one of the

commonest among women, is strongly linked to the human papillomavirus (Nigel Hawkes writes). About 90 per cent of the tumours in patients detoxification was not a row appearing the gene for FIPV. tine method of treatment for sufficient that injection will

Medicine has developed a vaccine containing proteins from HPV, designed to provoke the immune system into

jecting the turnour.
Together with scientists from the Paterson Institute in Manchester and Cantab Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, the trans injected their women with like arage cervical cancer with a single dose of the in file effects, and three of Leszek Borysiewicz of the the women developed anti-

bodies against HPV. While six of the eight have died, two are alive, 15 and 21 months after the vaccination.

One woman developed the disease in 1986. She had surgery and radiotherapy but in July 1994 cancer was still present. After the vaccination it disappeared, and she re-mains well.

We cannot conclude that the vaccination was responsible but the observation warmunts further investigation. the team reports.

Gene analysis endorses Africa evolution theory

GENETIC analysis has lent strong support to the idea that

modern humans evolved in Africa (Nigel Hawkes writes). A team led by Dr John Armour, of the University of Not-tingham, has found that Af-rican populations have a wider range of variations in a sextion of DNA than people from anywhere tise. This means modern man has been evolv-

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of us have a narrower range of variation, having originated relatively recently from a subset of the African populations.

Although estimates of the rate of mutation published to-day in Nature Genetics suggest that this was only 15,000 years ago. Dr Celia May said vesterlay that the team had yesterday that the team had since confirmed that motation rates suggest the point of seping longer in Africa. The rest aration was 150,000 years ago.

From Onan to th Pill — history's precautionary tale



THE history of contraception dates from at least 4000 BC, or even earlier if the historical accuracy of the book of Genesis is accepted: by the 39th chapter Onan, who realised that family solidarity would not be im-proved if his brother's wife conceived his child, was practising the withdrawal

Delegates to the annual meeting of the Faculty of Family Planning and Care at Regent's College in London today will be able to view a museum of contraception. The exhibits were collected by a Canadian, Percy Skuy. and have been brought over from Ontario by Janssen-Cilag Pharmaceuticals.

By 1500 BC a method using a medicated lint vaginal sponge was popular. Strangely the ancients had hit upon a method which, even if it would not pass today's stringent drug regu-lations, did have some effect on conception as the lint was soaked in a mixture of acacia, dates and honey. Acacia ferments into lactic acid, which is still in use as a spermicide.

Early Egyptians also wore condoms but, as is advocat-ed today, they were used as much to prevent the spread of disease as to prevent conception. Strangely, the wearing of a condom - and its type — denoted the social rank of the male. The Egyptian women could recognise the status of their lover by the style of his condom. As in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, the ancient Egyptian condoms were made

from animal guts. By the second century AD, various forms of tampons, sponges, vaginal plugs and pessaries were in use. In the more exotic parts of the world, crocodile or elephant dung was mixed with sodium bicarbonate to form a pessary, but in the more sophisticated societies lemon juice or vinegar was

There's a great deal going on

preferred. Whatever the substances used, their objective was the same to change the vagina's acidity so that the environment became hostile to semen, and the sticky material would be able to act as a physical barrier to passage of sperm through

derived from the 17th-century court physician to Charles II — were the popular method of contraception in Britain for several hundred years. They were ex-pensive and the best ones were made of sheep caecum. a blind alley in the large gut of the animal. A pass. ribbon, like a purse string could be tied around its end

so that it would fit. Some condoms also had pornographic pictures painted on them. A photograph of one, shown in the muse um, was recently sold at Christie's for £4,000.

The museum contains a wide variety of intra-uterine devices, for, although modern doctors think of these as dating from the 1930s, they were first used more than 3,000 years ago, when well-shaped and polished peb-bles were inserted.

Caps which fit over the cervix range from the halflemon, popularised by Casa-nova, who was particularly careful to choose and cut one of the appropriate size for his lovers.

Women have been swallowing various substances to prevent conception since more than 4,000 years ago. when Chinese women took mercury in small doses. In the 16th century, women in the remoter parts of Canada were placing their faith in drinking a mixture of strong alcohol laced with ground beaver's testes. In Mexico they were relying upon a foul-smelling wild yam.

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choice of contraceptive measures are clean, comparatively safe - and have the advantage that they work:

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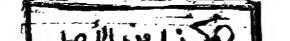


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Poll shows young and affluent favour staying in Europe

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But the most striking

change concerns legal and political integration. The net

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of Europe has been transformed into a 3-point balance against. This shift reflects the

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PUBLIC attitudes to the European Union are sharply divided along lines of party, gender, class, income and age, according to the latest MORI poll for The Times.

The poll shows that, by a small majority, the public still favours British membership of the EU, but there has been a big increase in opposition to further integration, in particular a Supreme Court of Europe and strengthening the European Parliament,

Europe is now much higher on people's list of concerns. The proportion of those mentioning it as among the most important issues facing Britain has risen over the past month by nine points to 29 per cent, its highest since November 1991. It still lags behind unemployment, health and

Undertaken last weekend after the Government announced its policy of non-cooperation over the beef ban, the poil shows that three-fifths of the public favour a referendum on whether Britain should leave the EU. This is broadly the same as when the question was last asked, a year ago.

If such a referendum were held, 44 per cent would now want Britain to stay in, with 39 per cent wanting Britain to get out. This net balance of five points compares with seven in October 1993 and a peak of 34 points in 1990. But in the early 1980s, when Labour opposed entry, there was a sizeable majority in favour of getting

Support for staying in the EU is highest among longterm supporters of the Labour Party and is lowest among Liberal Democrat kyalists. This reflects the long-term paradox that Liberal Democrat supporters are the most

Euro-sceptical while their leaders are the most pro-European. Those who have shifted their votes, including those who have switched away from the Tories since the 1992 election, are more sceptical than party loyalists.

Since October 1993, professionals and managers ("ABs") have become more positive about membership while othnon-manuai workers ("Cls") have become cooler.

Overall, there are very big class and income differences. Whereas those in households with incomes above £25,000 a year favour staying in by a margin of 35 percentage points, those with incomes of less than E9,500 want to leave by a margin of seven points. Similarly, while professionals and managers want to stay in by a margin of 32 points, unskilled workers and others on very low incomes (DEs) want

to leave by a 13-point margin. Linked with Income and social class, those who are generally optimistic about the outlook for the British economy favour staying in by a mar-gin of 21 points while those who are pessimistic support leaving by an 11-point margin.

Men are more supportive of staying in the EU than women and backing for British mem-bership is highest among 18 to 34-year-olds and declines sharply among older age

groups.

Readers of tabloid papers favour leaving the EU by a 47 to 36 per cent margin, while readers of the broadsheet quality papers support remaining in by 68 to 28 per cent. Readers of The Times support remaining in the EU by a 69 to 29 per cent margin. about attitudes to various

Making waves will not turn electoral tide THE public favours a tough line over the beef crisis and is RIDDELL ON POLITICS

becoming more sceptical about Europe but is unwilling to give any credit to the Government. Yesterday's MORI poll for The Times, the first survey of voting intentions since Britain began its policy of non-cooperation, startled party

Even those of us who believed that non-cooperation was diplomatically mis-taken and would be politically counter-produc-tive in the long term thought that the Tories might receive at least some short-term boost in the polls. But that has not happened, at any rate not yet. It is starting to dawn on some Tory MPs and strategists that the Commons cheers of ten days ago and the shrill jingoism of the tabloids means nothing.

There are three probable explanations. First, that the tough action against Brussels mainly appeals to committed Tory supporters rather than to wavering voters. Second, that most people blame the Government rather than Brussels for the beef crisis. Third, and perhaps most worrying for the Tories, the public, in particular voters who have deserted the Tories

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Major's beef war will not sway voters as much as Clarke's economic arguments, but both are vulnerable to the kind of sea change that Callaghan predicted

since the 1992 election, have given up on the Government. This suggests that John Ma-jor can do little to change their views, or rather to persuade enough of them to return to the fold to save the

Even though the economy has been recovering for a long time, memployment has fallen sharply and living standards have, more recently, started rising again, there has been only a limited pickup in the much-quoted "feelgood" factor or economic optimism index. Unlike previous upturns, the link between improvements in economic optimism and voting intentions has become much looser. The recovery in Tory ratings over the past 18 months has been much smaller than the pick-up in

motimosm. The MORI economic optimism index - measuring those who think that the general economic condition will improve rather then get worse over the next 12 points. While it was -6 points at the end of April, the underlying trend is upwards. But the Tory rating has been flat since the autumn. Just as the Government is getting little credit for the economic

recovery, so it is getting no benefit over the beef crisis. That interpretation ties in with the view of Tory fatalists who believe that the "time for a change" mood will counterbalance any further pick-up in economic optimism. Some more pessimistic Tories recall Lord Callaghan of Cardiff's famous comment, to-wards the end of the 1979 election campaign, about sea changes in public attitudes once in a generation which. parties cannot resist.

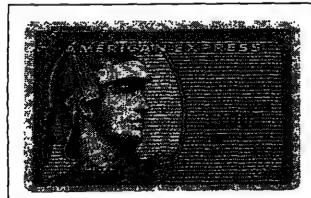
The most recent polls suggest that the public has made up its mind. Of course, the precise figures in the latest poils, or in the local elections a month ago, will not be repeated at a general election. Polls cannot forecast elections like that. But they do indicate the size of the task faced by the Tories and how dramatic initiatives such as the confrontation with Brussels over beef are unlikely to change these views.

Instead, all the Tories can do is to be patient, avoid unnecessary and probably doomed risks like non-cooperation and seek to highlight flaws in Labour's approach. As Kenneth Clarke said in his interview with The Times yesterday, the Tories' best - indeed, probably only - card is to argue that people would become even better off and that unemployment would fall further as long as they elected the Tories rather than Labour. It will probably not be enough, but the Tories do

PETER RIDDELL

not have any other cards left.

European developments last EUROPE: STAY IN OR GET OUT? If there were a referendum now on whether Britain should stay in or get out of the European Union (Common Market), how would you vote? 35-64 income less than P9.5k 7 Leb Lib Dem DOM: MORE Base: 1,620 British adults aged 18+



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Alarm raised over My hellish wave of attacks on on road to visitors to China

From James Pringle in peking

THE Foreign Office has issued a new warning to travellers in China about increasing attacks on foreigners.

Thefts and muggings in the main cities and crime on trains are increasing, as are thefts on overnight train and coach journeys. "Foreigners are now regular targets." the Foreign Office says.

Until recently, foreigners were regarded as a kind of "protected species" in China, unlikely to come to harm. But free-market reforms, growing disparities of wealth, corruption, and the influx landless peasants seeking jobs in cities have created a new situation.

Long-term foreign residents recall the days, especially up to 1976 when Mao Tse-tung was still alive, when it was difficult to leave behind a discarded razor-blade or lipstick in a hotel room, because it might follow the guest to the next destination just in case it had been "forgotten". But

those days are long past. The Foreign Office also gives a warning of extortion attempts against foreign businessmen staying in top-class hotels. The likely modus ope-randi is: a Chinese woman strikes up a conversation with a foreign man in the hotel bar: when he returns to his room. accomplices claiming to be police officers knock on his

door, saying that the woman has made an accusation of sexual harassment. They then make sometimes violent demands for money.

March Swindells, 59, a British businessman, died of stab wounds in his room at the five-star Shangri-La Hotel in Shenzhen, a free-wheeling city near Hong Kong. Robbery was

6 I feared a knife might be held to my ribs but I kept alert and the danger passed 9

thought to be the motive. While travelling on the back of a crowded bus in Guangdong province, Graham Hutchings a correspondent for The Daily Telegraph, heard two men in front of him discussing how they might get hold of his money-belt. "I was concerned and wondered if I might get a knife held to my ribs, but I stayed alert and the danger passed," Hutchings said.

Recently a German woman was stabbed in Tiananmen

BASIC RULES FOR TRAVELLERS

☐ Never open your hotel room door unless you know who is on the other side. You can buy police uniforms in shops in most Chinese cities and, given that many "policemen" may not be that at all, agree to see them only in the presence of senior hotel staff.

☐ Keep your money in your pocket and your camera bag on your bunk on trains and buses, and sit near the front of the bus close to the driver. In crowded department stores or buses keep money and passports in trouser pockets or, for women, inside a jacket, and beware the jostling crowds.

☐ Chat to the cheerful girls haunting hotel coffee shops and buy them an ice-cream, but leave it at that. Aids is spreading from Yunnan province to other areas and may be a timebomb. Stay clear of the growing drug scene. ☐ Beware hotel safes in anything other than four-star or five-

☐ Remember that most Chinese would never harm you: they have become victims themselves, so do not let paranoia take over. Yet abandon the notion that nothing bad can happen in China, and adapt the prudence one would maintain in most other developing countries.

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ly in some of the world's most riolent countries — Colombia, Zaire, Uganda (under Idi Square by a Chinese woman who disappeared into the Amin), Somalia and Cambocrowd. The tourist survived. dia - and never having encountered a serious prob but considering that the authorities have declared 1997 iem, the last place I expected "Visit China Year" these new to find trouble was China. I trends are worrying foreign therefore recently boarded a embassies, which have albus in Wenzhou, on China's ready warned their nationals to be careful in the area of east coast, for a ten-hour overnight journey to Fuzhou, in Fujian province, unconcerned about security.

As I settled into my Tiananmen Square in the runup to the June 4 anniversary of

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were being targeted and they promised to "strike heavy

blows" at criminals operating between Fujian and Zhejiang

Later that day, while buy-ing replacements for my sto-len possessions in a Fuzhou

department store, I was jos-

tled by some mingong (rural

transient labourers) and felt a

hand dip quickly into my jacket pocket. I thought of knives and decided against

making an issue of it. But the sense that I was in some kind

of Kafkaesque nightmare

In the past year in China, I

have seen knife fights be-tween gangs, probably Tri-ads, in the lobby of a

government hotel in

Shenzhen, near Hong Kong, seen bloody street fights in

Guangan, in Sichuan, and been disturbed in hotel rooms

in Fujian province by silken-voiced Xiaojies (Misses) call-

ing up to my room and offering sex for money.

began to grow.

the 1989 massacre. "It is not an anti-foreign thing as such," one foreign diplomat said. "It is just that growing lawlessness is spreading beyond the Chinese community and we can expect more crackdowns like the present blitz."

Police firing squads, seeking to combat the surge in crime, have been carrying out execu-tions throughout China as part of the Government's "severe strike" campaign, and authorities say the crackdown: which started in early May, is the most sweeping since 1994. when tens of thousands of criminals were caught over two months.

The crackdown and executions, criticised by Amnesty International but popular among ordinary Chinese who my that crime and official corruption are the two greatest evils affecting China, are not directly linked to the seventh anniversary next Tuesday of the violent suppression of prodemocracy protests. However, anyone planning fresh protests would get the point, diplomats say.

Some recent crimes: ☐ Murders: Fourteen death sentences were passed against young men and women in southern Guangdong, where women lured 17 lorry drivers to their death with offers of sex. The drivers were killed by male accomplices and their vehicles stolen.

☐ Muggings: Guests at a hotel on the outskirts of Peking were accosted by armed

☐ Robbery: A senior parlia-mentary official was killed by his paramilitary bodyguard. The guard was executed earlier this month. It was public anger over this crime that ems to have led to the current crackdown by police.

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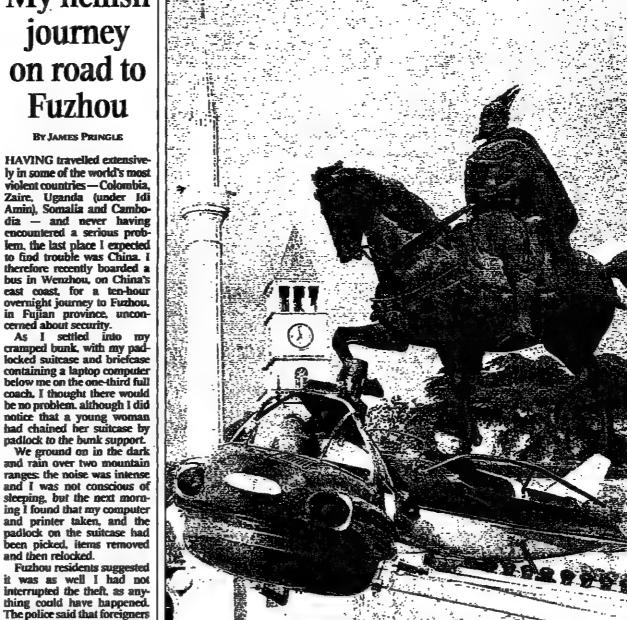
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Children enjoy the fun fair yesterday in Tirana's Skanderbeg Square, scene of

Voting fraud raises threat of civil war in Albania

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN TIRANA

THE Socialist opposition in Albania gave a warning yesterday that the country could slide into civil war after this week's chaotic general election, which international observers said was marred by blatant fraud.

The confusion threatens to destabilise one of the West's key allies in the Balkans. Yesterday Flavio Cotti, the Swiss Foreign Minister and chairman of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), which supplied the international monitors, called for a partial rerun of the election "for the sake of democratic stability". But President Berisha insist-

ed that his Democratic Party had won a fair two-thirds majority. While he conceded yesterday that some irregular-ities had taken place, he rejected suggestions that these had influenced the outcome, promising four years of

sweeping reforms. The opposition parties withdrew in the first round last Sunday, hours before polls closed, complaining of intimidation and fraud. The Social Democratic leader. Skender Gjinushi, yesterday said the opposition parties would boycott the second round this Sunday because first-round results had been "completely fabricated under secret police

Opposition demonstrators held silent vigils in the central squares of all main towns. There were clashes in the southern town of Fermet, but the protests elsewhere were largely peaceful, in contrast to events on Tuesday, when riot police charged crowds in Skanderbeg Square in the centre of Tirana and beat up opposition leaders.

The vast square was once used for regimented displays by the Stalinist dictator, Enver Hoxha. It is dominated by three symbols of modern Albania: an equestrian statue of the 15th-century patriot Skanderbeg, the central mosque -70 per cent of Albanians are Muslim - and a children's fun fair. President Berisha, the for-

mer heart surgeon who has ruled Albania since 1992, had been admired in the West because of his attempts to open up this once isolated country and to encourage foreign investment. "The tables have turned," one Western observer said. "Once Berisha was the man who brought down the paranoid and despotic Communists. Now the former Communists — who have become the Socialists see themselves as the democratic underdogs, with the

President reverting to authoritarian habits." In the 1992 elections the Democratic Party won a landslide, but economic problems - half the workforce is unemployed - have eroded Dr

Delays on Rock earn royal joke

Gibraltar: The Duke of Edinburgh, visiting Gibraltar to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme, drew loud applause when he said everyone had an adventurous expedition at some time, "even if it is only trying to get across the border into Spain" (Dominique Searle writes).

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Over the past week Spain has imposed border queues of up to six hours to put pressure on Gibraltar over sovereignty and demanding that the new Government eradicate smug-gling in the area.

'Bandit' insult threatens truce

Grozny: Doku Zavgayev, the Moscow-installed leader of Chechenia, criticised Zelim-khan Yandarbiyev, the rebel chief who signed a truce deal with the Kremlin, as "a bandit who represents bandits". The remarks by Mr Zavgayev, whom President Yeltsin sidelined during the truce talks, could undermine implementation of the deal to end fighting in the breakaway republic

Sudan robbers to be crucified

Khartoum: A court in Sudan has sentenced six men to hang and three to be crucified for armed robbery. Judge Ahmad Abu Zeid was also reported to have imprisoned several other men in connection with the case. Police said the robbers in northern Darfur had 85 Kalashnikov rifles with them when arrested. (Reuter)

Bernard Levin, page 18

Bodies of seized monks found

Paris: The Algerian Interior Ministry said it had discovered the bodies of seven French Trappist monks, aged between 50 and 82, abducted from their monastery by Muslim fundamentalist guerrillas in March. The bodies were found near Medea, southwest of Algiers. Their murders were mourned across France at the weekend. (Reuter)

Hutu suspects deny genocide

Arusha, Tanzania: The first two suspects to appear before the United Nations tribunal on Rwanda's ethnic slaughter in 1994 pleaded not guilty to genocide. Georges Rutaganda, an engineer aged 37, and Jean Paul Akavesu, 43, a local official, both Hutus, ap-

Stowaway hailed as a hero in Spain

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN

AN ILLEGAL immigrant who lost an eye and a leg after he went to the rescue of a 16year-old girl being attacked in a Metro station here, has been granted Spanish residence in

recognition of his bravery. Miloud Khedari, a 24-yearold Algerian, had arrived in Spain as a stowaway on a ship only four days earlier. He went to Madrid where, on May I, he saw the terrified girl being assaulted on the underground. The attacker was arrested by police, but not before he had hurled Mr Khedari in the path of a train.

The Algerian was rushed to hospital, but doctors could not save his right eye. His left leg had been cut off by the train. The incident attracted attention, and his ward in a Madrid hospital was inundated with flowers, chocolates and fruit, all gifts from Spanish well-wishers

When Mr Khedari's immigration status came to light, a popular campaign began to secure residence for him and yesterday a government offi-cial brought him the papers he needs to live and work in

Mr Khedari's action has struck a chord with Spaniards, many of whom distike the growing number of North African immigrants, whom they associate with drugs and crime. Moro (Moor) is used



The twins prior to the operation that separated them

Hopes rise for Siamese twins

Melbourne: The Siamese twins separated by surgeons at the Royal Children's Hospital here on Wednesday were "holding their own", a hospital spokeswoman said yesterday. There had been "a very, very slight improvement" in the condition of Eaustina and Eusthocia Bosin, who were born on the Papua New Guinea island of Buka on May 14, attached from the chest to the navel and with their livers joined. Flown to Australia last week. they were separated in a fivehour operation (AFP)

Kashmir goes to polls amid violent protests and strikes

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI mine at Brindaban in

INDIA conducted a second unconvincing round of voting in the Kashmir Valley yesterday. It was a day of violence and strikes, with four people killed and dozens hurt and the streets almost bare, save for protesters who were forced back by security forces firing teargas and warning shots.

Witnesses said one person died and two were hurt when the paramilitary Border Security Force opened fire on a crowd after being attacked by suspected Muslim rebels in Stinagar. A border guard died after accidentally shooting himself during a stampede at an anti-election demonstra-

tion in the Kashmiri capital. Another border guard died

Udhampur. Most leading Kashmiri Muslim separatist leaders were rounded up by the security forces - for their protection, according to the authorities. Border guards attacked journalists with rifle butts, injuring four. Much of the valley was at a standstill. proof of the continuing power of separatists who called a stoppage in protest at the

Some people were ordered to polling stations by troops and paramilitary forces at the point of the gun, repeating the widespread practice of last week when two other parliamentary constituences voted in the Kashmir Valley.

country to enable extra security forces to move in. This probably took the total security presence to more than

Only pro-India parties took part. The Hurriyat Conference, an umbrella group of 30 separatist groups, boycotted the polls. Many voters complained of being sandwiched between armed separatists ordering them not to vote and troops telling them to do so.



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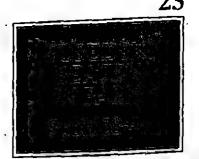
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OECD optimistic despite cut in this year's growth forecast

UK 'on course for inflation target'

By JANET BUSH ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE British economy will grow by only 2 per cent this year — far lower than the Chancellor's forecast - but is set fair for healthy growth and low inflation in the longer-term because of the structural economic reforms of the past 15 years, according to a new report from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation

As reported in The Times last week, the OECD revised its forecast for growth this

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the 2.4 per cent it predicted in December. This is largely due to the unexpectedly sharp slowdown in continental European economies as members of the European Union attempt to cut their budget deficits in line with the Maas-

tricht criteria. The OECD's new projection leaves Kenneth Clarke's Budget-time forecast of 3 per cent this year even more isolated. It now seems a racing certainty that this will be revised down when the Treasury unveils its Summer Forecast in July.
In an interview with The

came the closest yet to conceding that he will have to lower his forecast. He said: "I will revise my target, perhaps, if in July it is obvious we have been a bit optimistic but I see no point in revising it now," He admitted that other people had forecasts which were "getting a lot lower than mine".

Gordon Brown, Shadow Chancellor, wrote to Mr Clarke yesterday, asking him to comment on the new OECD forecast. He said: "Just as happened last year, it would appear that growth will be

will you either justify your own forecast, or accept the OECD's forecast and spell out the implications for our public finances." The Chancellor is expected to invite Mr Brown to wait until the Summer Fore-

Mr Clarke yesterday took an upbeat view of the OECD report, emphasising that the organisation was expecting the current slowdown in the British economy to be temporary and for growth to pick up strongly later this year and through into 1997. The OECD growth next year coupled with inflation dropping to the 2.5 per cent targeted by the Government. It also expects unem-ployment to fall further and that the current account will remain near to balance. It said that, should the current slowdown in growth prove to be more pronounced, the benign

interest rates, although it The OECD expressed some disappointment about the slippage that has been seen in

inflation outlook would pro-

vide scope for a further cut in

sanguine because the public finances are continuing to improve overall.

Most pleasing for the Gov-ernment is broad praise for its handling of macro-economic policy decisions over the past three years, which the OECD said had laid a sound foundation for sustained economic recovery. It praised the structural reforms to the economy undertaken by the Conserva-tives since 1979 which had made Britain "a more flexible and less inflation prone economy". It suggested that labour market reforms had lowered

the rate of unemployment at

erate to around 7 per cent or just below, implying that un-employment can fall further from current levels before igniting price pressures. The OECD said that Britain had a relatively good record at job creation and unemployment compared with many conti-nental countries.

But the OECD also expressed concern about intractable problems such as long-term unemployment and Britain's relatively poor education standards compared with its main competitors. This gap needs to



Export boost

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Defences

South West Water strengthened its defence against impending bids from Severn Trent and Wessex, two higher than expected dividend, promises of further increases to come, and a £6.9 million rebate to customers in its West Country area of operations. Page 25, Tempus 26

Sir Desmond Pitcher, right, United Utilities chairman, and Brian Staples, chief executive. The group reported for the first time yesterday

Facia suitor late filing accounts in America

TEXAS American Group, the tiny US listed company in talks to rescue Facia. Stephen Hinchliffe's 850-shop retailer. is late filing its accounts with

file its 1995 accounts last November and faces prosecution by Companies House if

they are not ready by July 1. Bill Grosvenor, former PR advisor to Asil Nadir, the fugitive tycoon, is now chief executive of Texas American. He said that the accounts had not appeared because the company completed a series of deals last December.

"We have obtained a dispensation under US accounting law," he said. "The accounts will appear before we complete the deal." However, the SEC was not able to confirm that a dispensation had been given. The last accounts for and golf course company operating out of an office in London's East End, are for 1994 and show revenues of just \$4,864 and losses of \$587,329.

Texas American is planning to buy Facia, whose brands include Sock Shop and Saxone, and finance the deal through an issue of shares on the US Nasdaq exchange. The deal is dependent on Facia producing accounts under US accounting standards.

Neither Facia nor Texas American would give a price for the deal, but Facia currently has debts of about £10 million and needs to find £12 million in the next four weeks to pay the rents on its shops. Mr Grosvenor, who says he was invited to become chief executive last December after

giving the company PR ad-

vice, said Texas American

would wish to keep Mr

Hinchliffe on board as long as he succeeds in his fight against

the Department of Trade & Industry's plans to disqualify him as a director. The DTI's action follows the 1993 collapse of Boxgrey, a company sold by Mr Hinch-

liffe shortly before failing. tions are all in Europe. It owns Brampton Park golf course near Huntingdon and timeshares in Tenerife and

The Portguese business was bought from Verit Industries, a US group currently in Chapter II bankruptcy protection. Alan Humphrey, Texas American's president, was also president of Verit whose chief executive was John Carway, a controversial Irish businessman with convictions for cheque fraud and possession of cannabis.

Last year, the Irish authorities criticised Mr Carway over dealings in CountyGlen, an Irish company, saying his family benefited from dealings that cost the group £1 million Both Mr Grosvenor and Facia deny that Mr Carway is at all involved in this deal.

Mr Grosvenor said the other directors of Texas American were a Texan lawyer, Robert E Lee, and a former Portuguese politician, Emidio Serrano. SEC filings declare a further director, David Gough, who is also heads up Questmead Investments, a British Virgin

Islands company, Questinead has emerged as a supporter of attempts by Andrew Greystoke, the financier, to avoid bankruptcy through an individual's voluntary arrangement. Mr Greystoke, who has debts of £4.3 million, is also fighting attempts to disqualify him as a director over his role in City & Westminster, a finance company that collapsed in 1991.

Multi-utility to seek alliances

UNITED UTILITIES, which supplies water and electricity in the North West, is seeking alliances with generators and gas producers ahead of the deregulation of the electricity market in 1998 (Christine

United's electricity business

Buckley writes).

suffered a £30 million profits fall in the year to March 31. The company, which recently raised domestic prices by 4.9 per cent, largely blamed the high prices it had to pay for electricity. Group pre-tax prof-its rose 348 per cent to £464.2 million, the first figures since the integration of North West Water and Norweb last autumn. A £103.8 million charge was taken to restructure the businesses. The final dividend rose 11 per cent, to 19.59p, making 32.66p (25.55p).

HSBC set to retreat over £16m bonuses

BY OLIVER AUGUST

DIRECTORS at HSBC Holdings, the parent company of Midland Bank, look set to versial £16 million incentive scheme, after intense pressure from shareholders ahead of today's annual meeting.

In discussions with representatives from major shareholders, HSBC said that the terms for directors' remuneration would not be operated as set out in the annual report. The six directors are currently in line for a compound bonus of up to £16 million for what is described as "mediocre performance".

Anne Simpson, a director of Pensions and Investment Rewhich represents institutional shareholders, said: "It is not acceptable that they give us private reassurances that they won't pay themselves as much as they actually can under the terms of the scheme. We want

it in writing."
PIRC is expecting considerable shareholder opposition to the HSBC scheme, unless the directors issue new written conditions. Under the current conditions, directors will be eligible for bonuses if earnings per share grow by at least 2 per cent above inflation, which is in line with Treasury growth forecasts for the economy as a whole.

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Societies seek to win over bank customers

By Marianne Curphey

BUILDING societies are stepping up Building Societies Association and their campaign to poach customers from high street banks by drawing up a charter promising good service and high savings rates. It is expected to be in place by the end of the year and will spell out the societies' commitment to mutuality and to offering some of the most competitive deals in the market.

Bradford & Bingley, Yorkshire, Nationwide and Coventry building societies believe the charter is the best way to deter speculators and encourage longterm savers. They believe that over the next two years members who stayed put to ensure they were paid share windfalls when their societies converted to banks will be looking for a new home for their money.

Brian Davies, chairman of the years at a cost of £5.25 million.

chief executive of the Nationwide, said there would be a number of new initiatives. "Societies are in competition with each other but we do have some things in common — the key is we are owned by customers and we don't give money away to sharehold-

David Holmes, Yorkshire's communications manager said: "Next year will be a huge opportunity for us when we believe we will see thousands of people deserting the banks and come flooding back to us when they realise the difference in rates on offer.

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US compliance chief accused of inside deal

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

Trust who was responsible for ensuring that the New York bank's employees did not violate US securities laws has been arrested and charged with insider dealing.

Nir Kantor, 39, who was vicepresident of compliance, has been charged by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) with using information gained within the bank to trade in shares of Caesar's World before its takeover by ITT Corp, a Bankers client, in 1994. He faces a advising ITT, at a compliance meeting maximum penalty of ten years in

prison and a \$1 million fine. The charges come at a time when Bankers is getting over being embroiled in court actions in which clients claimed it mis-sold derivatives products in the when the takeover became public.

A FORMER executive of Bankers early 1990s. Bankers recently settled out of court a multi-million dollar case brought by Procter & Gamble.

The SEC alleges that Mr Kanto bought and sold call options in Caesar's World even though it was or the bank's "Grey List" of companies about which Bankers has inside information and in whose shares employee are not allowed to deal. Mr Kantor job was to enforce that ban.

Mr Kantor learnt of the Caesar's World deal, in which Bankers was The SEC claims that he passed the information to Hanan Waizman, a cousin, who also profited from it. Mr Kantor allegedly bought option contracts on the shares and sold them

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Record exports make little impact on deficit trend

RECORD exports helped Britain to cut its visible trade deficit. The deficit declined from £1.3 billion in February to £800 million in March, ahead of City expectations, while the underlying trade deficit excluding oil and erratics, fell from £1.8 billion to £1.5 billion in February.

Total exports increased by 3.5 per cent in March to £13.5 billion, although half the rise was accounted for by exports of precious stones.

£3.5 billion from £3.2 billion in the last quarter of 1995. There was also concern over figures showing that the trade deficit with non-EU countries increased sharply in April to £868 million from £676 million in March, although half of the increase was because of a big jump in aircraft orders.

The Office for National

Statistics (ONS), which prepared the trade figures, described the deficit trend as "flat", but many economists

quarter of this year widened to fear that the recent pick-up in consumer activity will lead to the deficit widening later in the year as the country sucks in imports.

Over the first quarter, total exports rose 3 per cent, with export growth to the EU outstripping the growth in exports to the rest of the world and narrowing the EU trade deficit. First-quarter import growth totalled 3.5 per cent. with a 4 per cent rise in imports from EU countries.

> through in a positive revision of 1995 GDP growth figures from 2.5 to 2.6 per cent. A Treasury spokesman said: The fact that prices were weaker than expected and volumes stronger is good news

major revision to the trade

figures for last year, showing

that prices were weaker than

much stronger, although the

overall value of trade figures is

unchanged. Export volume

growth in the last quarter of

1995, for instance, has been

adjusted to 4.1 per cent year-

on-year, compared with a previous estimate of 28 per

cent. The revised figures imply

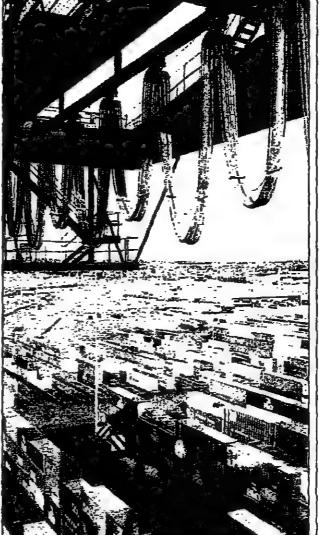
that manufacturing growth

was much stronger than previ-

ously estimated in 1995. This

growth should show

But economists said the revised figures will have limited impact on the disappoint-ing first-quarter GDP figures as the change in export prices has not been very different from that suggested by the revised figures.



Britain's total exports increased 3.5 per cent in March

Stock Exchange clears way for trading reforms

By Patricia Tehan and Robert Miller

cleared the way for reform with publication of proposals for electronic trading services.

The Exchange will spend next month consulting market participants and has sought responses to its proposals by July 12 These were formulated after earlier consultations. Giles Vardey, director of markets development, said the responses would be made public and he hoped the new system would be in place by next summer.

The Securities & Investments Board yesterday out-lined its plans for a parallel consultation process, seeking views on how tax privileges should be allocated to the firms that put their own capital at risk in the new. reformed trading system.

The SIB has set a threeweek deadline for responses so that its advice on possible obligations for firms that wish to benefit from stamp duty relief can be led into the exchange's consultation. The Chancellor, who raises £1.2 billion a year from stamp

THE Stock Exchange has duty on share transactions, has already said that he sees "some merit" in keeping the tax benefits. But he will not give wholesale tax exemptions without the beneficiaries contributing something very tangible to the liquidity and transparency of London's share markets in return.

In its proposals yesterday. the Exchange detailed a new two-tier system for trading FT-SE 100 shares. It expects more than 50 per cent of trading in them to be carried out via the new electronic order book. But to cope with institutional demand for big block trades and to maintain market liquidity, brokers known as "registered princi-pal traders" (RPTs) will have an obligation to provide quotes to buy or sell large blocks of shares on request.

In order to ensure brokers use the order book system, the Exchange proposes that if shares are on the order book at the same price quoted by RPTs they must take the shares from the order book hefore trading their own stock.

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent AMERICAN growth in the hard it is to forecast growth when there are big swings in stock levels, but does not

US growth is revised down

down yesterday as business cut stock levels instead of building them up as the US Government had thought. Gross domestic product is

now judged to have risen 2.3 much less than the 2.7 per cent that Wall Street economists expected. This shows how

materially change analysts' view of the US economy. The 2.3 per cent is still far

stronger than the 0.5 per cent growth in the final quarter of 1995, and economists expect growth to have strengthened second quarter, not

spending is robust and more of this will be met from new production rather than stocks.

The Bundesbank left German interest rates unchanged and kept a fixed money market repo rate rather than reverting to a variable one, which might have signalled a desire to trim interest rates further.

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ISS shares hit by accounting errors

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

ISS-International, the contract cleaning group based in Denmark, saw its shares plunge 23 per cent yesterday after disclosing that accounting errors discovered at its US subsidiary could cost \$100 million. The company also announced the departure of its chief financial officer. Arthur Andersen has been replaced as auditor by KPMG. which will conduct a new audit on June 30.

ISS said that preliminary checks indicated that ISS Inc overstated profits by an accumulated \$30 million and underestimated liability insurance provisions by \$40 million. ISS shares, trading on the Copenhagen stock market, fell 32 Danish crowns to 131 crowns. ISS added that it would take between two and three years to restore the fortunes of its US business, which is now headed by British-born Martin O'Halloran, 42, who uncovered the irregular-ities while moving the American head offices from New

ING advances by 41%

ING, the Dutch banking group that bought Barings from the administrators last year, unveiled a 41.5 per cent rise in net profits to 736 million guilders (£280 million) in the first quarter of 1996. Pre-tax profits rose 44 per cent to 1.06 billion guilders. Banking profits were up 92.2 per cent to 490 million guilders, while insurance operations contributed 568 million guilders. up 17.8 per cent. The bank does not show the Barings results separately but said commission income in its banking operation rose \$2.5 per cent to 595 million guilders.

Alpha profit warning

ALPHA AIRPORTS, the in-flight catering and airport retail group, yesterday gave warning to shareholders of an expected fall in half-year profits as a result of lower spending per passenger, combined with losses from its US kitchens. The group, which has 48 per cent of the UK in-flight catering market, said retail services and ground sales had been strong, but results would be hit by the loss of the British Airways contract last June. The shares fell op to 114p.

Emap 'auction' expected

SPECULATION is mounting that Emap, the media group, will soon announce that it intends to sell off its regional newspaper group. The asking price for the 77 core titles and supplements is said to be close to £220 million. It is understood that Northcliffe Newspapers, Johnstone Press and Newsquest Media Group will all be invited to bid for the regional newspaper group on a "closed auction" basis. Emap shares fell 4p to 704p.

Euro Telecom price set

SHARES in European Telecom, the international mobile phone company, will be priced at 115p when they come to the Stock Exchange via a placing next Thursday, valuing the company at £35.7 million. The company, which made pre-tax profits of £2.4 million on sales of £78 million in the year to March 31, will raise £6.5 million from the placing. It said that its outlook had been boosted by a national distribution deal with Orange, the mobile phone company.

Mid Kent surges

MID KENT WATER, the subject of a hostile takeover bid. yesterday reported a 48 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to E12.3 million in the year to March 31, and a 90 per cent rise in the total dividend to 24p. The shares rose 33p to 468p. Sales rose to £41.3 million (£37 million) and earnings per share rose from 37.3p to 58.7p. The bid from the French groups General Utilities and Saur Water Services, has been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

UK 'must be' at EMU talks

JACK WIGGLESWORTH, chairman of the London International Financial Futures Exchange, gave warning at its annual meeting that leading City institutions could suffer if the Government is not at the centre of detailed EU negotiations for economic and mone-

"If EMU goes ahead, the City cannot stand aside. The exchange has no view as to whether the Government should take a decision to take the UK into EMU," he said. "But the Government must be at negotiating tables buttling for the City's interests, and hence for those of the UK and of Europe itself, to the maximum extent possible".

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☐ Hinchliffe's surprise white knight ☐ Why City high flyers are flying high ☐ Regulators circle round "pyramid scam"

☐ THERE are some stories you could never make up. Were you to read, in the back pages of one of the racier City tipsheets, that Stephen Hinchliffe's disastrous foray into retailing, Facia, was to be rescued by Asil Nadir's former public relations man, you would name believe it.

would never believe it. But it is true, and our thanks to Bill Grosvenor for adding to the general fun by riding to the rescue astride his Texan American Group. Mr Grosvenor, or the Hon Bill as he is entitled to be known, acted as the mouthpiece for Mr Nadir until the latter's hurried exit.

Asil Nadir's former PR man? It sounds like one of those jobs, like chief look-out man on the Titanic, after which professional survival should have been difficult. All those years of explaining what a fine but misunderstood company Polly Peck was and then your boss does a bunk. leaving a £500 million black hole in the balance sheet and your

credibility.
But Asil Nadir's former PR man is made of sterner stuff, and so he re-appears at Texan American Group. As with the Holy Roman Empire, this is neither Texan, nor American, nor strictly a Group, but a leisure

The Hon Bill's Facia saver

shares and golf courses quoted on the lowest rung of the New

York Nasdaq market.
If it all works out as planned, some of the better known niche retailers on Britain's high streets will be owned by some extremely daring US Nasdaq investors. This goes some way towards making up for all those duff high-tech American companies foisted on the Unlisted Securities Market a few years ago. Best wishes to the Hon Bill and Mr Hinchliffe, and in the words of the old Jewish prayer for the Czar, may the Lord bless them and keep them as far from these shores as possible.

Bonuses of contention

IT IS hard enough for those outside the charmed City circle to comprehend how anyone can spend half a million pounds a year, let alone how they can justify earning it. The debate over City salaries and bonuses,

rather one-sided when viewed from outside the Square Mile.

HSBC, parent of the Midland Bank, is now hauling back on its own bonus scheme, which could have paid out up to £16 million. The bank is not going so far as to scrap it, but public pressure as orchestrated by PIRC, the pensions consultant, might require rather more explanation to HSBC shareholders at today's annual meeting than they would otherwise be entitled to, and a promise to them that the bank will not be too generous when the

PIRC is acquiring a reputation as an effective, if unelected, rabble-rouser against high bo-nuses. Earlier this week the Prudential met unexpected resis-tance from shareholders for its own executive share incentive scheme. HSBC can look for trouble today. The end result of such action is not always the defeat of the relevant motions set before shareholders, but at least a dampening down of the mood

cheques come around.



as other institutions mulling over how much they can get away with decide to tone their own bonuses down to be on the safe side. PIRC can claim to be serving a useful function in the campaign even if individual battles may end in failure.

But the truth about City pay is that everyone involved knows they are living on borrowed time and they are coining it while they can. The sort of revenues heavy hitters in broking or corporate finance can pull in are so huge currently that a stingy employer risks losing out as staff and business go elsewhere. This might are resented to the recent might run counter to the recent

Mueller's views are correct such over-generosity will eventually correct itself. For now, employers are convinced huge salaries are justified and they are prepared to pay them.

In any event the party will have to stop one day. Takeovers and other contraction within broking and fund management houses, for example, increas-ingly mean a few highly paid staff whose multi-million pound financial press and a load more who are by comparison badly paid or surplus to requirements and out on the street. Meanwhile mergers and acquisitions business is booming; even if the official figures from Acquisitions Monthly suggest some slacken-ing in the first quarter of this year, this was in comparison with an extraordinary £68 billion

of work in 1995 as a whole. The boom is powered by the expectation of a Labour govern-

warning from Rudy Mueller at UBS that the City's cost base is running out of control, but if Mr last deal before the boom comes down. If Labour arrives and that work dries up, a fair few merchant bankers will join those underpaid or unwanted brokers and fund managers.

Clash of Titan worth avoiding

THE Titan Business Club and its UK associates were described by David Rendel, Liberal Democrat MP for Newbury, as "an iniquitous pyramid-selling scam," a warning firmly flagged by The Times last week. Since then, this office has received a round dozen calls a day from people concerned about the safety of their money. safety of their money.

Since October, some 9,000 people have handed over a joining fee of £2,500 with a view to recouping their money by signing up four more members. Last week, the Department of Trade and Industry took Titan to

the High Court to try and close it down. Sir Richard Scott, the Vice Chancellor of arms to Iraq fame, sent the case down for a full

hearing on June 10. A file went to the Serious Fraud Office for a preliminary investigation. The Securities and Investments Board offered the DTI help after Titan said that it wanted a Nasdaq listing, a move now said by the company's lawyer to be imminent and one that would bring the company firmly within the SIB's domain.

So pretty well every official body charged with the super-vision of business and finance in this country is now involved and none seem too keen on Titan, to put it mildly. Yet the company continues to hold packed meetings around the country, under conditions of bizarre secrecy, in

search of new members.

The courts will decide whether Titan is an illegal enterprise or just a clever money-making scheme. The SFO will decide whether to pursue the investiga-tion. The SIB will rule on whether by offering to sell Nasdaq shares Titan is in breach of the Financial Services Act. In the meantime, however, it would seem to be prudent to hold onto your money. Caveat emptor has

South West Water boosts defence with payout and rebate

SOUTH WEST WATER yesterday strengthened its defence against impending bids by Severn Trent and Wessex, two other water companies, with a higher than expected dividend, promises of further increases to come, and a £6.9 million rebate to customers.

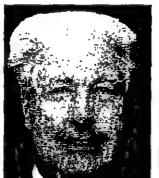
The two bids were last week referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which is expected to report back to Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, in the autumn.

South West, which has spent £700,000 on its defence, said yesterday that it had not received any approaches by potential white knights and nor was it seeking the protec-tion of an alliance with

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another company.
The company's case for staying independent was boosted yesterday by strong pre-profits for the year to March 31 of £109.1 million, up 10.5 per



Hill: dividend sustainable

cent. The final dividend is 20.7p, making the full-year dividend 30.5p, up 11.7 per cent on last year.

The Exeter-based company hopes to continue raising dividends by a substantial sum in years to come. Ken Hill, finance director, said: "The dividend is sustainable on the basis of our underlying perforthe higher dividend or South West's first-ever customer rebate of £6.9 million — £10 per customer, due in July - was prompted by Severn Trent's

and Wessex's separate state-ments of intention to bid for it. The results were hit by a E5.9 million charge to cover costs relating to last year's drought and to an outbreak of cryptosporidiosis, which causes stomach upsets.

Keith Court, chairman, dismissed as speculation statements by the company's predators that they would cut customer charges. The group has the highest charges of the country's ten big water and sewerage companies, partly because it is responsible for many bathing beaches in Dev-

South West has cut its workforce by 500, to 3,000, in the past 12 months.

Shares in Tomkins lifted by year-end forecast

BY GEORGE SIVELL

SHARES in Tomkins, the conglomerate that owns RHM bakeries, rose 9p to 256p yesterday after the group made a pre-tax profits forecast of at least £320 million for the year to April 27, against £303 million in the previous year, and in line with City forecasts.

Tomkins, which is trying to acquire Gates, the American components group, also forecast a final dividend of 7.25p, making 9.95p for the year, a rise of 15 per cent. This rise will enable Tomkins, a mini-conglomerate founded in 1982, to claim 13 years of dividend increases of 15 per cent or more.

Gregory Hurchings, executive chairman, said: "With our existing businesses doing well, a favourable dollar exchange rate, strong cash resources, together with the prospective acquisition of Gates, we are in excellent shape for the year ending May 3, 1997 and anticipate an exciting year of growth for our shareholders."

Tomkins said, however, that the acquisition of Gates was taking longer than expected to complete because of American regulatory requirements. It will be several weeks before a circular is sent to Tomkins shareholders explaining the acquisition in full, and

to approve the deal. Tomkins added: "The relationship between Tomkins and Gates continues to be excellent and our integration team, which relocated to Denver, Colorado, in February is working closely with Gates management to ensure a smooth and effective handover."

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Ofwat praise for price cut promise

THE water regulator will today highlight Scottish-Power's plan to cut water bills as a result of the electricity group's aim to take over Southern Water (Christine Buckley writes). Ofwat, in a paper with

the electricity regulator. seeks comments on bids for Southern Water. A \$1.56 billion hostile bid by ScottishPower was followed by a £1.6 billion recommended offer by Southern Electric. An Ofwat spokesman welcomed ScottishPower's offer to cut bills by 3 per cent two years before a regulatory price review.

Analysts expect Scottish-Power to bid about £10.70 a share, or £1.66 billion.

Swissair had chance to seal Allders deal

By Sarah Bagnall

ALLDERS, under attack from Swissair for accepting a rival offer for its tax and duty-free business, had offered the Swiss airline the opportunity to make a firm offer, it emerged yesterday.

The stores group subsequently accepted a £130 million offer from BAA, in preference to Swissair's conditional offer of E145 million. Allders claims it had no firm offer from Swissair, which, over the course of about five weeks, is thought to have reduced its valuation of the business from £200 million to £120 million, before lifting it back to a possible £145 million. Allders signed heads of agreement with Swissair at a

Head Office:

price of £180 million and granted exclusivity to the air-line until May 8, with the option to extend for a further 15 days if Swissair confirmed the terms of the deal by May 8.

On May 8, Swissair is understood to have said the business was worth only £120 million. The offer was then changed to around £135 million, with the potential of an extra £15 million, but conditions were attached. The situation remained unchanged a week later and Allders opted to pursue the BAA offer if an unconditional deal could be struck.

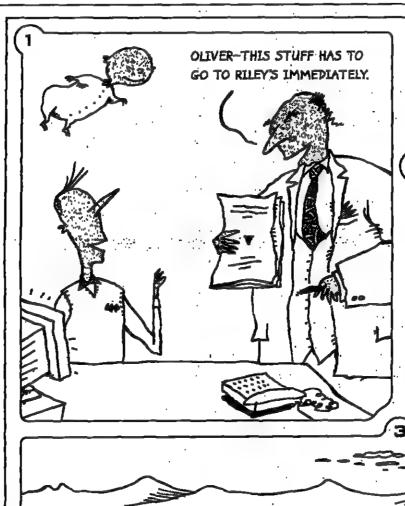
The agreement with BAA requires shareholder approval at an extraordinary meeting

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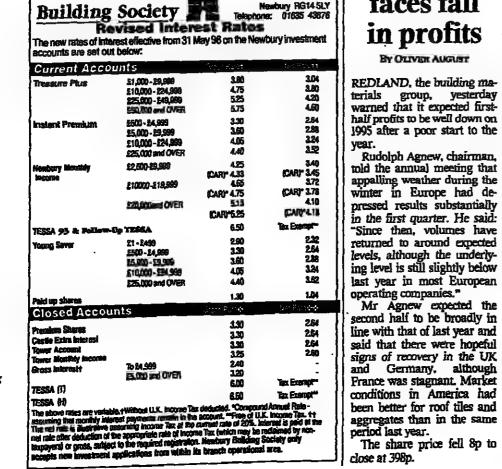
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US interest rate threat hits shares and bonds

can interest rates had the London stock market on the ropes, with both government bonds and equities suffering sharp falls.

Evidence of growing inflation was accompanied by threats from the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates. It left US treasury bonds nursing hefty losses and led to another sell-off in equities. prompting suggestions that the long awaited correction in New York's fortunes may be under way. Traders now fear a repeat of the sharp fall earlier this month.

London could offer little resistance to the bears. The FT-SE 100 index closed 29.0 points down at 3,746.7 having been almost 35 points lower at one stage. Trading conditions remained thin, with fewer than 700 million shares changing hands.

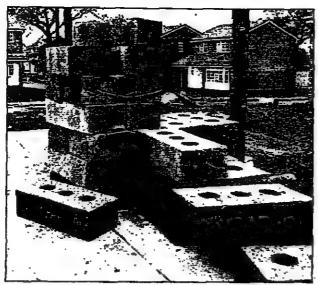
A profits warnings from Redland, the tile and building products group, left the shares 8p lower at 398p. Rudolph Agnew told the annual meeting that bad weather conditions in Europe were likely to result in first-half profits being well down on the corresponding period last year.

He said conditions were recovering and the second half should be broadly in line with the second six months of last year. Volumes had returned to normal levels, but the underlying level was still below last vear in most of its operating companies on the Continent.

Alpha Airports went into a tailspin, falling op to 11op after warning that first-half profits would fail to match those achieved last year. It blamed losses in its US kitchens operation and lower spending per passenger on flight catering. Granada Group, down 3p at 816p, continues to hold a per cent stake in Alpha

following its demerger.
United Utilities, the subject of last year's merger between Norweb and North West Water, fell 19p to 580p after failing to live up to expectations. Pretax profits were down 4 per cent at £272.6 million after restructuring costs totalling £123.8 million. The group comthat year's drought had cost £24 million and that reservoir's were still only 40 per cent full.

South West Water, the subject of two bids from Severn Trent and Wessex, held steady at 6710 after coming in with full-year figures at the top end



Shares in Redland, the building products group, slipped 8p

of expectations. Pre-tax profits re up from £63.2 million to £109.1 million. South West has made it clear it is opposed to both bids, which were referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission last week. But in what is seen as the first move in its defence. the group has raised the total dividend 11.5 per cent to 30.5p. with the promise of an increas-

tax profits up from £8.3 million to £12.3 million. The figures were underpinned by a 90.5 per cent rise in the payout, with the prospects of a further reduction in dividend cover. Mid Kent said it would co-operate fully with the MMC on any inquiry. It has fought the French companies through the courts in an attempt to block the bid after

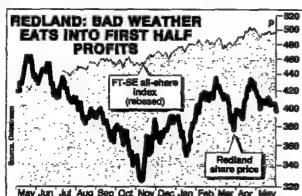
British Gas has found a much-needed friend in SBC Warburg, rising 5p to 18912p after the broker decided to recommend the shares for the first time in four years. Warburg rates them a longterm buy and says their worth is nearer 278p. Next week Ofgas delivers its price review for the domestic side of the business.

ingly liberal dividend payment. It has also offered customers a £10 rebate costing almost £7 million. Severa Trent firmed 8p to 603p, while Wessex fell 5p at 355p.

Mid Kent Holdings, which has also seen a £75 million bid from General Utilities and Saur Water Services, rival French companies, referred to the MMC weighed in with full-year figures showing pre-

giving an assurance back in 1989 they would not increase their 18 per cent stake. Mid. Kent responded to the profits news with a rise of 33p to 468p.

The rest of the water companies came off the boil. prompted by hopes of a revivin takeover activity. Anglian firmed another 4p to 603p in the wake of Wednesday's profits news. But profit-taking left the rest of the sector lower.



group, rose 9p to 256p in spite admitting that its billion dollar acquisition of Gates was taking longer than expected. It forecasts pre-tax profits of £320 million, about £10 million below previous esti-mates. But the pill was sweetened with news of a 15 per cent rise in the payout.

The clearing banks were marked lower, unsettled by this week's cut in Cheltenham & Gloucester's rate that revived fears of a further intensification of the mortgage price war. Bardays Bank fell 121/zp to 7551/zp. HSBC 10p to 975p, Abbey National 11p to 558p, National Westminster 4p to 624p, and Royal Bank of Scotland 7p to 522p.

Whitecross Group, which operates a chain of dental practices in the London area. made a confident debut on the Alternative Investment Market. Placed at 84p, the shares started life at 91p before closing at their best of the day with an llp rise at 95p.

A recent newcomer. inar, the theme restaurant chain that includes the Chicago Rock Café, continued to make headway, finishing op better at 286p. The shares were floated at 200p earlier this month, on the same day Railtrack made its debut. Railtrack closed last night unchanged at 214p. That compares with its original offer price of 190p.

GILT-EDGED: London

opened with losses stretching E12 in response to the overnight setback for US Treasury Bonds following the disappointing response to the twoyear bond auction and talk that the Fed is poised to raise interest rates. The decision of the Bundesbank to peg Ger-man interest rates also dampenal sentiment.

The losses accelerated to almost El at one stage before rallying to close off the bottom. In the futures pit, the June series of the Long Gilt ended £1316 lower at £105716 as a total of 86,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost £7s at £9614, while in shorts, Trea-

sury 8 per cent 2000 was £1132 lower at £1011! ■ NEW YORK: The Dow Jones industrial average remained under pressure in data sparked fears of accelereconomic growth. At midday, the index was down 28.07 points to 5,645.76.

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Abbey Nat 558p (-11p)
De La Rue 715p (-14p)
Broken Hill 986p (-19p)
Closing Prices Page 30

TEMPUS

United by doubts

West Water and Norweb have yet to fully show themselves in the share price of United Utilities, the new manifestation of the two.

Since March, when United gave an update of the efficiences coming from the integration. the shares have been languishing at a level that indicates City caution. Concern rumbles among some analysts that either dividend growth will not be as strong as promised or that something could unhinge the grand plans of Britain's first multi-utility.

in many ways, yesterday's results more than justified the promises made just after North West Water won the battle for its electricity neighbour. Cost savings have fed in faster and in greater quantity. Although the balance sheet is more stretched than the average utility and the interest cover is lower.

THE benefits of the synergy won from North the situation is not extreme. But within the figures, which are difficult to decipher after the merger, there lurks a £30 million dip in profitability for the electricity business.

This has largely been attributed to the higher cost of electricity and the fact that bills had not been increased for 18 months. Electricity has also suffered from the regulator's price review last year. United's gas business, with which it hopes to launch a nationwide service, turned in a small loss not a glittering sign for the competitive market due to be ushered in. One other spectre is a potential Labour government. A windfall tax on top of a debt of £1.7 billion, or 89 per cent of shareholders' funds, is not a thought to relish. United's sound management will steer it through most waters but a glitch or two could prove damaging.

S W Water

SOUTH WEST WATER'S better than expected pre-tax profit figures came as an oasis of good news. The company is facing two unwanted bids and customers with bad memories of last

The company will now be hoping that the good results and the higher than forecast dividend will convince shareholders that, should the bids be allowed by the MMC and by lan Lang, they are better off with South West management than with Wessex or Severn Trent. Promises that there will be further substantial dividend rises to come should also help.

But the real test for the company has yet to come: will South West do what it is meant to and supply customers with all the water they want? The £10 rebate to each

customer will be welcomed but may not be enough to wipe out the memories of

hosepipe bans. In spite of the dry winter, the company says that all its reservoirs are full except for its largest. Roadford, which is 46 per cent full. To avoid another lambasting, the company has to prove that. come what may, it can keep

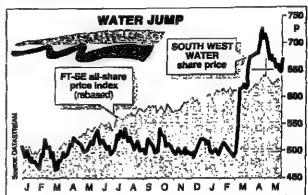
outs that resulted from last year's drought, and which have shown up in results. Criticism of its performance last year made South West Water look weak. It if

its customers supplied with

water. It also has to avoid the

sort of compensation pay-

wants to remain independent, it must start looking strong.



Tomkins

IT LOOKED as if conglomerates were coming back into fashion yesterday in spite of the decision of Hanson, the father of them all, to break up into four companies, and the corresponding fall from favour of BTR.

The trigger was a buoyant statement on prospects from Tomkins, up 9p to 256p, which also helped shares in Williams up 7p to 336p during a day when the bears seemed to have a firm hold on markets.

The news on prospects from Tomkins was thought by the City strong enough to rate the shares a buy in spite of the lack of concrete developments on the Gates acquisition. Tomkins is still the strength of RHM, a more controversial acquisition

than Gates is likely to prove. high value-added recipe dishfor customers such as

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Marks & Spencer although Tomkins was never seen by the City as one of life's natural bakers.

The City welcomed a 15 per cent rise in the forecast dividend for the year just ended even though it is likely to be covered less than twice by earnings. However, returning cash to shareholders is very much the fashion.

Followers of Tomkins will be happier when the circular on the Gates acquisition is published although this is likely to take several weeks yet. Analysts felt somehow reassured when the delay so far was put down to US regulators.

TWO years into a three-year London International, the condoms group, has amply demonstrated the wisdom of going back to what it does best. Analysts were impressed by its 72 per cent rise in pre-tax profits and a num-

ber have raised forecasts for this year. Sales growth last year was the clear engine for the profits improvement, and more is expected from the group's core businesses.

In particular, the impact of recent acquisitions such as Aladan, the US group, will begin to be seen in the current year. Aladan both reinforces LIG's strong position in the medical glove market and in the international market for unbranded condoms.

Shares in LIG have had a good run recently, and on a price-earnings multiple of just under 20, the group is at a 35 per cent premium to the market. The promise of strong earnings growth, further benefits of the recovery programme to come and confidence in LIG's managehowever, is likely to underpin

In the short term, a number of analysts rate the shares as a hold, expecting to see the share price ease back after recent gains.

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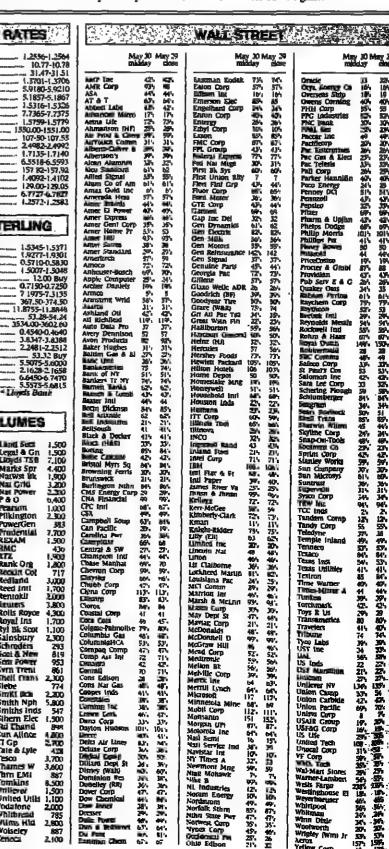
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Olympic spirit carries on

PAUL GASCOIGNE, the England midfielder, was the focus of a heated forum at a conference in London vesterday, hosted by UPS, the package delivery company and Olympic sponsformer British Rail chairman, and Steve Shirley, founder of the FI Group. were on the panel to dis-cuss the parallel between the blood, sweat and tears of business with that of

Touching on the subject of Gazza and his antics on board a Cathay Pacific flight from Hong Kong. the former Olympic ath-lete Brendan Foster said: "It was his 29th birthday, with success behind him and a 13-hour flight ahead. You could hardly expect him to buy a couple of good books in duty-free."

Hot money

DAVID GRANT, director of William Grant & Sons, is lying low from the heavy hand of the law. At the Wine & Spirit Association commemorative luncheon this week, in a rush of adrenalin, Grant set fire to his own money. In his capacity as chairman of the Wine & Spirit Association, he was offering some forthright views on the Government's excise duty policy. To illustrate what he considers to be the debilitating effect of the policy on the Treasury's coffers, Grant pulled a tenpocket and a lighter from the other. Grant claims to have forgotten that it is illegal to destroy a bank



Blushing bride

THE soon to be consum-

mated marriage between Property Week and the Estates Times has not been without a hiccup. When Penny Guest, editor of Property Week, made the announcement to her staff, by way of circular. that the 28-year-old newspaper would be merging with its rival next month, she mistakenly referred to her other half as the Estates Gazette, the glossy "bible" of the property trade, with a slightly long-er pedigree than the Estates Times. No more confusion though — the new publication retains the Property Week title.

'Evening all'

LAMBETH council looks likely to be the first local authority to establish an anti-fraud and anti-corruption unit. Heather Rabbatts, the council's chief executive, is keen to build up an anti-fraud culture and is headhunting a manager with proven fraud investigatory background. Potential Poirots can expect a fouryear contract and a salary of up to £50,000.

Family man

IAN RUSSELL, Scottish-Power's finance director, is a thoroughly modern man who likes to put his children to hed. Having spent ten full days in London, riding the waves of Southern Water, Russell jumped on a plane last Wednesday evening and headed for Morningside, Edinburgh. He was back on another plane early the next morning, making the return journey south for more

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Trials could help 'oppressed' smokers breathe more easily

Ian Brodie reports on the Chattanooga campaign to puff

the advantages of a smokeless cigarette

iane Prescott and her husband John, a car mechanic, smokers. Between them. they get through more than two packs a day. The habit has been hard on their family. Their teenage daughter's allergies are aggravated by smoke, and Mrs Prescott's mother banned the couple from smoking in her home or at her hairdressing business.

For the past 18 months, though, the Prescotts have been smoking routinely around the mother and daughter and all have been breathing more easily.

The Prescotts were chosen for secret trials in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to help in the development of a smokeless cigarette called Eclipse. They partici-pated in an extraordinary collaboration between two threatened species to find a cleaner smoke. On the one hand were several hundred smokers who felt constantly guilty about the impact of their cigarettes on non-smoking friends and family. On the other was a cigarette firm, RJ Reynolds Tobacco Co., makers of Camel and other brands, that along with the rest of the US tobacco industry has been under the heaviest legal and regulatory assault ever launched by opponents of

Every two weeks, the Prescotts met other smokers in a group to puff on Eclipse and to suggest improvements. Reynolds executives explained their goals and invited suggestions, treating the smokers as co-developers of the project. Over time, Eclipse showed a marked improvement in smokeability and flavour. "They listened to us," Mr Prescott said.

The novel idea of a manufacturer speaking directly to consumers was so successful that Reynolds will continue the concept as it expands test marketing of Eclipse in the US, Germany and Sweden. Reynolds describes its approach as "dialogue marketing". Smokers are invited to "discovery groups" where they receive a videotape extolling the merits of Eclipse along with a free carton. They are shown how to light the carbon tip that is the cigarette's heat source and how to draw on it, warming rather than burning the tobacco and inhaling a mixture of nicotine and vapour.

Reynolds claims that, in addition to reducing second-hand smoke by nearly 90 per cent. Eclipse leaves no lingering odour, produces virtually no messy ash and causes no staining of curtains and other furnishings. Eclipse is also touted as low in tar and nicotine, within the range of today's ultra-light brands, while still delivering a rich taste.

The Prescotts found the claims to be true. Mr Prescott said: "There is so little smoke that I can light up in the car with the windows shut. I couldn't do that before." The couple resumed smoking at work and were no longer banished to the street. Both said that they suffered less from smokers' cough,



Habit forming: the anti-smoker crusade has spread around the world. China which has 300 million smokers, banned smoking in public from May 15

are not alone in thinking that

now. Even the Swedish model

is looking rather careworn as

the costs rise. And at my

experience of negotiating on

behalf of CBI members with

the opt-out in place is that

Britain's lack of votes when it

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to exasperate those who share

our views, while giving com-

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fort to those who don't.

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Wisdom of hiring

older employees

From Mr Glenn Douglas

Sir, A headline (May 14) states

that "Business sees the wisdom

of age", a view apparently supported by Bill Cockburn,

chief executive of WH Smith.

Below it is a headline, "Board-

room departure at WH Smith",

referring to the departure, after

restructuring, of Mr David

Roberts, 53, a move apparently

supported by Bill Cockburn.

Yours faithfully, GLENN DOUGLAS,

10 Lansdowne Crescent.

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ROBBIE GILBERT.

Yours faithfully.

Policy Mediation,

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health ciaims for Eclipse. Wall Street is watching Reynolds's delicate courting of support for Eclipse with intense curiosity. Sceptics remember the launch of Premier, another smokeless cigarette, which was rushed out prematurely nine years ago to strengthen Reynolds's shares during a takeover fight. Smokers loathed the smell and taste. The carbon tips fell off and the "fiavour beads" proved unsat-isfactory. Premier vanished quickly. leaving a residue of doubts.

The cautious reintroduction of a smokeless brand at the height of America's cigarette wars has already stirred hostility among anti-smoking groups. Reynolds executives are confident that word-of-mouth among smokers will eventually give them a market share sufficient to justify the untold millions of dollars spent on research

and development. The first hurdle will be the US Rood and Drug Administration (FDA), which is committed to imposing new regulations on tobacco. Anti-smoking forces are petitioning

the FDA to regard Eclipse not as a traditional cigarette, but as a new "nicotine delivery device" that should be treated as a drug and subject to years of testing. That puts the FDA on a sticky wicket. A ruling against Eclipse would expose the agency to charges of denying smokers and non-smokers the health benefits of reducing

second-hand smoke. Although anti-tobacco scientists are impressed by the smokeless effect, they express concern that Eclipse could increase heart disease by putting more carbon monoxide into smokers' blood than existing light cigarettes. Other tobacco opponents realise that fewer people would die from a less toxic cigarette, but they worry that many might carry on smoking who would otherwise have been frightened into

giving up.

Meanwhile, the agony has been piling up for "Big Tobacco".

Whistleblowers within the industry have accused the companies of deliberately controlling nicotine levels to keep smokers addicted, and of concealing what they knew about the dangers of smoking. The tobacco industry is the target of five federal crimmal investigations, including possible perjury by the chief executives of eigerette firms who testified on Capitol Hill that nicotine was not addictive.

Most smokers are ensuared by the age of 20 and President Clinton has taken the lead in a popular campaign to combat cigarette sales to under-las. Police have even used children in sting operations against tobacconists. But smoking among teenagers continues to rise, up from 27.5 per cent five years

ago to 38 per cent now.
On the health front, a government study of blood samples found that second-hand smoke invades the lungs of 88 per cent of non-smokers. The American Medical Association urged all American investors to dump tobacco shares from their portfolios.

Right states are suing the tobacco industry to recover billions of dollars spent on treating illnesses caused by smoking. Other states may follow suit. Tobacco's invincibility in court was dealt a blow when the Liggett Group, the smallest of America's five major cigarette companies, offered to settle the states' liability claims and a huge class-action lawsuit against tobacco firms on behalf of addicted smokers After all these setbacks, tobacco

finally enjoyed an enormous victory. The class-action suit was thrown out by three appeal court judges who refused to commit the fate of entire industry to a single jury. Wall Street cheered. Shares in Philip Morris, the largest cigarette maker, gained \$5.4 billion in value in just over an hour of trading.

Tobacco remains an immensely profitable business. US cigarette sales rose last year for the first time in ten years and huge markets are opening up in Russia, China and elsewhere in Asia. Many brokers believe that the cigarette wars could end in a truce. Philip Morris proposed voluntary curbs on its promotion of cigarettes to teenagers if FDA regulation of the industry was halted forever. Clinton officials said the plan fell short of their

The eventual answer may be some what different. Congress could agree to protect tobacco companies from lawsuits by classing them as producers of known dangerous materials. In exchange, the firms would submit to regulation by the FDA, which would have powers to order gradual reduc-tions in tar and nicotine and to impose stringent restrictions on marketing to young people. Thus smoking might slowly decline over the years.

Meanwhile, Reynolds awaits the fate of Eclipse in the marketplace and at the hands of the FDA. If it is blocked or fails to attract sufficient customers, the company will cancel its harm-reduc-

As one executive said: "If we're going down a road where nobody will support us, you reach a point where you can't afford to do that any more."



Dress rehearsal for the blues on Wall Street

Correction of 1996 has been so long coming that even the bears are bored. Since Wednesday morning the Dow has fallen, as I write, less than I per cent. Hardly more than a twitch, but this twitch is ambiguous so everyone can be nervous according to their own prejudices.

Some afternative readings. Bond market worries: the twitch is because of the hawkish tone by three Federal Reserve governors (Mine-han, Broaddus and Parry) since Tuesday's federal open market committee meeting. Or it is because of the sudden growth of the US monetary hase, up 8,2 per cent at an annual rate in the last month, after a long quiescence? Or pure equity considerations: the sharp downward revision of first-quarter growth could arouse second thoughts in investors who have been betting on a boom. Or is it simply that investors have

developed vertigo? The Fed worries really are new, and surely reflect the tone of Tuesday's FOMC meeting. They are not about the usual culprits. Commod-ity prices are falling, and US investment has been so strong that there is spare plant capacity all over the place. But two traditional Fed worries have reappeared - aggressive bank ending and wages.

You can dress the wage worry up in semi-modern theory and talk about Nairu (the Non-Accelerating Rate of Unemployment, but nobody really knows what this is. It used to be put at about 6.5 per cent, which was passed on the way down ages ago. Anecdote is much likelier. Most FOMC members are presidents of regional Feds, and have their ears close to the ground. Pay attention, then. The monetary base, by

contrast, is a mystery wrapped in an oriental enigma. The US Treasury, in spite of tight fiscal policy, is having to sell a lot of paper because of maturities - a second mop-up of the huge sums pumped into the US banking system in the early 1990s. Until last month it was hidden: the Japanese authorities were converting all the surplus dollars into yen,

The great Wall Street buying US Treasury paper correction of 1996 has so aggressively that the Fed was pushed to prevent interest rates from falling. Now the Japanese seem to have stopped intervening (perhaps the yen is weak enough?) and the Fed is buying Treasury paper sim-ply to stop US rates rising. Up goes the monetary base, up go bond yields. But though the problem is visi-

ble, nobody knows how serious it is. Why, and for how long, will the Japanese stay out of the market? And is the Fed likely to base policy on what Tokyo does? The money numbers, in

short, are a mystery.

Markets hate mysteries. but at this stage they are only positively worrying to signed-up monetarists. And the growth revision can be left, I think, to history, that was two months ago, the new chain-weighted numbers always look a bit low, and since then the signs have generally remained pretty strong.

Meanwhile, the astonish-

ing rise and rise of the Dow has not yet carried yields to all-time lows, or p/es to alltime highs: but those lows and highs were set in genuine booms, not in what remains quite moderate growth, with some soft patches. And US equity market captitalisation as a proportion of GDP, which passed 90 per cent in March. is at an all-time record higher even than in 1929.

Turther, the market seems to notice only good news — always a good news - always a warning sign. No allowance for over-investment, which has left manufacturing fighting for sales at the expense of margins. And if there really is wage pressure, will that be at the expense of margins, too?

As for vertigo, consider some of the small capitalisation shares — a good fever indicator. Iomega, a maker of computer disk drives (an ultra-tight markett, with a p/e of over 250. Or Presstek, which makes image scanners for just one customer; at a p/e of 670, half again as much as Rhein-Elektra AG, which owns its only customer. Or read all about it in Grant's Interest Rate Observer. Anyone for Everest?

Honest debate needed on pay

From Mr Stefan Stern, Sir, The question of pay policies is creeping slowly back on unequivocal rejection ("Transport union gives warning to Blair over pay", May 22) voiced by Bill Morris, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, last Tuesday. Levels of pay have never

been far from the headlines -"fat cats" scandals and speculation about a minimum wage have seen to that.

And yet open discussion of the challenges raised by pay issues - the implications of a minimum wage for differentials, the reaction in the public sector after years of restraint, and the breaking of the link between pay and performance at executive level (a different kind of differentials exercise) - is all but absent in the

public domain. Employees, employers and their representatives need to start considering how past mistakes could be avoided in the context of a new government.

The current public sector borrowing requirement overshoot (CBI says PSBR overshoot threatens pre-poll tax cuts, May 24) underlines how difficult it will be to hold down

public spending. It is more than 17 years since the 1978-79 5 per cent pay round collapsed, heralding the Winter of Discontent. Now relevant parties seem determined once again to take up opposing positions in public before repeating old mistakes. We need an honest, grown-up debate about pay if a re-run of history is to be averted. STEFAN STERN. The Industrial Society.

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CBI policy is made by its members, not by those who advise it the 20 million EU citzens

From Robbie Gilbert Sir, may I reply to Denis MacShane's letter (May 24)? CBI policy is made by its members, not by those who advise it. At the time when I wrote my article. I believe that they had not finalised their view on what line they wished the Government to adopt at the latest inter-governmental conference. I was simply taking the channels open to me to offer my advice.

I am no less convinced than the Government of the need to shift the emphasis of social policy in Europe, which for too long was more effective in

placing burdens on the creation of jobs than in helping Social chapter opt-out 'still appropriate' From J. Adair Turner Sir, The Times business sec-

The CBI's policy stance remains that it is appropriate to tion of May 22 carried an retain our opt-out from the article by Robbie Gilbert ithe social chapter. Yours faithfully. CBI's employment adviser] Time to rejoin social policy J. ADAIR TURNER debate". I would like to clarify Director-General. that the views he expressed CBI Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, WC.

Pay hypocrisy in the City

were personal.

From Mr Peter Bottomley, MP Sir. The new chief executive of a telecommunications business will receive not his predecessor's £400,000 but £650,000. a possible equivalent bonus and £2.6 million share options (Report, May 16). On the same page, is the headline "Pay growth disappoints the City above a report that average earnings growth in the year to March was 3.75 per cent. Yours faithfully, PETER BOTTOMLEY, House of Commons, SWI.

Looking at larger economic picture From Keith Robinson unable to find them. But we

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky takes a laudably rational and selfappraising approach today (Economic View, May 23) in his speculative analysis of the balance of economic strengths in Europe, and its influence on the benefits to the UK of EMU, whereby we may stand to achieve "... locking in a permanent competitve advantage over Germany . . . " due to its "... relatively weak position".

However, the economic detail he sketches in is surely part of a much larger and lastingly painted picture. This is the one in which the greater part of the British people are still, in fact, Little Englanders, willing to continue carving their niche in the world through limited and traditional European co-operation, while the Germans appear, at least in their leaders' European vision, to have tendencies of domination that we grew out of

decades ago.

Given that the rational economic argument is surrounded by these historical inclinations and culture differences, is it not likely to be a very short-term lock-in, and is not the safer scenario for our national sovereignty and dignity likely to be the one which recognises the heavily painted larger picture rather than the pencil sketch we are shown?

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LIG profits improve 72% after change in strategy

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LONDON International Group, the surgical gloves and condoms manufacturer, yesterday beat City expectations with a 72 per cent jump

The increase prompted analysts to upgrade current-year forecasts to about £39 million. Pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 rose to £26.2 million on sales il per cent ahead, at £309.6 million.

Stronger sales and the cost benefits arising from the group's restructuring also helped to boost operating margins from 9.3 per cent to 10.1 per cent.

The results further vindicate LIG's back-to-basics strategy, focusing on its core areas of condoms and surgical, household and industrial gloves. A disastrous diversification into photoprocessing led to a £175 million loss in 1994, followed by a rescue rights issue.

Nick Hodges, chief executive, said: "We are pleased with the results, but we are still in a recovery period so cannot afford to be compla-

Legal bill knocks Raglan

By Sarah Bagnall

RAGLAN Properties saw more than half its profits wiped out last year as a result of a £2.7 million legal dispute with Waitrose, a former tenant.

Waitrose last month won a £2.4 million claim against Ragian over a development sold by Raglan in 1989 but severely damaged by arson two years later. Legal costs took the bill to £2.7

Raglan yesterday said that it is taking legal action against the development's architects, whom

The dispute cut pre-tax profits to £2.4 million in the year to March 31. from £5.6 million, and net asset value to to 33.6p

a share, from 35.3p.
Ragian has joined with Chelsea Link, a company owned by the Fu family of Hong Kong. to acquire six industrial estates for £21.75 million. The estates, bought from Hermes Property Asset Management, generate annual gross rent of £2.6 million. Raglan is pay-ing £15.7 million in cash and 17.2 million new Raglan shares, which Hermes has agreed to

hold for a year. The dividend, due on August 2, rises from ip to 1.1p, from earnings per share of 1.22p, down from 3.33p last time. The shares remained 254 p.

PUBLIC NOTICES



Sales rose 15.2 per cent to Ell7 million, helped by increased marketing spend. with the biggest increas in southern Europe and North America, both ahead by more than 15 per cent.
In the UK, sales were ahead

by 11 per cent. Although last year's warnings over use of certain types of the Pill did not have an immediate impact on sales, LIG expected to see increased demand in the long-

Sales of LIG's Biogel sur-geons glove helped to lift overall sales of surgical gloves by 17.7 per cent to £59.4 million. The group sees further scope for growth through wider marketing of Biogel as well as the introduction of new specialist variations of the

While the sale of household gloves, which include the Marigold brand, were up 9 per cent to £45.4 million, sales of own-label products were flat. Industrial glove sales increased by 15.5 per cent to £26.8 million

After recent expansion, such as its £46 million purchase of Aladan, the US glove and condom manufacturer, Mr Hodges says there is further scope for "infill acquisitions". More disposals are also expected in line with LIG's target of raising £30-50 million. It has so far raised about

With a final dividend of 1.5p, LIG is paying a total of 2p for the year. Earnings increased 43 per cent to 5.76p a share, while borrowings have been cut by £17 million to £28

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In the driving seat: John Clement, chairman, with Peter Wilson, chief executive

Ransomes a cut above

CONTRACTS to supply lawn-mowers to the St Andrews and Gleneagles golf courses helped Ransomes to lift pre-tax profits by 34 per cent, to £6.7 million. in the half year to March 30 (Fraser Nelson writes).

The sharp rise Ransomes return to the dividend list with an interim Demand for the new E-Plex

model designed for golf course greens, helped sales to grow 10 per cent to £101 million. Orders from golf courses in the Pacific Rim also grew sharply.

John Clement, chairman,

said that a late start to the grass-cutting season had hit European sales in April and May, but this would be offset

launched lawnmowers The shares fell lp to 67p. against the January rights issue price of 48p. The rights raised £37.3 million, which was used to reduce debt. Borrowings stand at £34.2 million (£67.3 million). The dividend, due on September 2, is payable out of earnings per share of 3p.

New trust gives funds boost to M&G

BY ROBERT MILLER

M&G. Britain's largest independent unit trust group, spent £2 million on marketing to raise about £217 million for its Equity Income Investment Trust launched earlier in the

David Morgan, group managing director of M&G, which yesterday announced an 18 per cent rise in half-year, pre-tax profits to £34.4 million, said that more than half of the money raised for the trust was ring-fenced within a personal equity plan.

Helped by the trust block-buster M&G saw funds under management rise to £15.3 bil-lion in the six months to March 31. against £12.2 billion in the same period last year.

The E20 million three-year restructuring of the group's administration department in Chelmsford is expected to be completed by the end of this financial year. Mr Morgan

In the latest six-month period, M&G wrote off £3.2 million, against £2.6 million last time. To date, it has spent about £17 million of the planned total of exceptional

The extra costs of meeting the contractual payments to Tony Shearer and Alan Oddie, two former senior officers who were on one-year contracts, and the provision for the executive bonus scheme will be included in M&G's full-

Commenting on the halftime results. Sir David Money-Counts, chairman of M&G, said: "Over the sixmonth period, revenue grew by 14 per cent to £70 million, a record for the group. The increase was mainly in our annual fee revenue and was the result of the rise in the FT-SE all-share index over the period and encouraging sales within both our retail and

institutional businesses." He added: "Demand for our no-initial-charge products remains high and we consequently expect the balance of our revenue to continue to shift in favour of annual fees away from initial charges." M&G lifted its interim payout 14 per cent to lop.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Royal Bank in £78m Spanish joint venture

ROYAL Bank Development Capital, a subsidiary of Royal Bank of Scotland, and Banco Santander have led the £78 million purchase of three Spanish supermarket chains. The chains are Superdiplo and Hiperica, based in Andalusia, and HDG, in the Canary Islands, Vista Capital de Expansion, a joint venture between Royal Bank and Banco Santander, will appoint and install new management to run the merged operation after the buyout.

The new business will go under the Superdiplo name and plans to make further acquisitions. Joe McGrane, managing director of Royal Bank Development Capital, said: "This deal is a significant first step in the consolidation of the Spanish food retail sector, which, by UK standards, is highly

House of Fraser review

JOHN COLEMAN, the new chief executive of House of Fraser, has started an extensive review of the financially stretched retail group. Brian McGowan, chairman, told the company's annual meeting: "John has instigated a full review of the group's operations and policies." He added that there were no easy answers to creating strong, sustained growth and that the current year would be one of consolidation. rather than rapid growth. Mr McGowan said that the current year had "started encouragingly", with a 5.1 per cent rise in like-for-like sales for its first 17 weeks. However, margins are not expected to improve until the second half.

ABI exports improve

INCREASED overseas sales helped ABI Leisure, Europe's third-largest caravan manufacturer, report flat pre-tax profits of £1.8 million in the six months to February 29. The continued growth in export sales, particularly in France and The Netherlands, together with UK leisure home sales, helped to offset the impact of fierce competition in the UK touring caravan market, where overstocking has hit margins. The growth in exports means ABI's profits are weighted more towards the second half. Sales edged ahead £700,000 to £42.8 million. The interim dividend, due July 5, was held at 1.42p and is payable out of earnings of 3.6p a share (4.2p).

Time Warner sued

BARTHOLDI CABLE and its marketing arm is suing Time Warner Inc and Time Warner's cable operations for violation of antitrust laws and seeking about \$1 billion in relief and damages. The complaint was filed in the US District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Bartholdi, formerly Liberty Cable Co., serves about 30,000 subscribers in New York. The suit alleges Liberty "had the resources to compete and succeed in a fair contest, but the playing field was not level because of numerous clear and persistent violations of the antitrust laws". Time Warner describes the suit as "totally without foundation" and will "vigorously oppose it".

Bett Brothers slips

BETT BROTHERS, the housebuilding, inns and commercial property group based in Scotland, is holding its interim dividend at 1.75p a share after suffering a decline in pre-tax profits to E1.7 million, from E3.01 million, in the half-year to February 29. Earnings per share fell to 8.69, from 13.44p. The shares fell 9p, to 139p. The company attributed the decline in profits to reduced earnings from housebuilding and the timing of commercial property transactions. Ronnie Hanna, chief executive, said that there are signs of a modest improvement in the market for existing homes.

Coles Myer settles with former finance director

COLES MYER, Australia's largest retailer, has settled its litigation with Philip Bowman, its former finance director.

The group is to pay Mr Bowman about A\$1.43 million (£712,000), together with a further A\$325,000 to cover legal costs. As part of the settlement, the two parties have agreed to drop all allegations made against each other.

The nine-month dispute has proved costly to Coles Myer, both financially and in terms of the group's reputation. The Melbourne retailer spans a range of outlets, including

supermarkets. Kmart discount stores, Liquoriand shops and department stores. Mr Bowman's dispute started three months after he became finance director.

Mr Bowman, a former director of Bass, moved to Australia to join Coles Myer in June 1995. However, his stay was short-lived after he began to ask questions about a share transaction in 1990. Mr Bowman alleged that the transaction had cost the company a substantial amount of money, but had benefited, indirectly, Solomon Lew, the executive chairman. Three months later,

from his job, which carried a total pay package of more than A\$1 million. He responded by suing Coles Myer for wrong ful dismissal, seeking A\$2.

million in damage In the wake of the ensuing row over standards of corporate governance at the group, a restructuring programme resulted in the departure of the chairman and the appointment of five new independent directors. The reputation of the retailer was further battered in March, however, when it revealed a 30 per cent drop in half-year profits.

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New York gets a taste of the Mark Morris Orfeo that will come to this summer's Edinburgh Festival



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MUSICAL THEATRE: Loving tribute to Thirties escapism; Orfeo in New York; a fine Irish Handel

Writing'em like they used to

Dames at Sea Ambassadors

nashamedly, Dames at Sea is aimed at an audience which loved and grew up with the Warner musicals of the 1930s, in which the likes of Ruby Keeler went out an unknown and came back a star. Forget the sweat and grit of A Chorus Line. This is the old Broadway dream, served up with some neat lyrics full of the names Cole Porter might have drawn on when working at slightly less than full pressure.

George Halmsohn and Robin Miller pretend to have written a pastiche and elicit friendly laughs from a wisp of a plot about Ruby, the girl from Utah, who arrives on the Great White Way with nothing but a wide smile, good legs and a pair of little red tap shoes. Joanne Farrell has the first two and makes excellent use of the third within the limits of the tiny Ambassadors stage. She is always going to be the girl most likely to succeed when the leading lady breaks down.

As Mona, the monstre sacré destined for the chop, Kim Criswell is in strong, extrovert form and does an excellent impersonation of Ethel Merman. She makes the most of the show's best number, That Mister Man of Mine. But pastiche comes close to turn-ing into a fan letter when the Broadway theatre is bulldozed, for reasons none too clear, and the whole show transfers to a battleship. In the good old days of Franklin D. Roosevelt, when Dolores Del Rio and Rudy Vallee ruled the waves, the US Navy was at hand to provide a venue for homeless musicals. It may be the Hudson River rather than the South Pacific, but it makes up the curtain on Act II.

Dick, the composer-sailor always ready with a song-sheet in his bell-bottoms, inspires the transfer. This would have been the Dick Powell role and Jason Gardiner plays him with a good deal of toothy charm. The sentimental numhers with Joanne Farrell's Ruby have proper period flayour. If they do not manage to tap their way on and off ship with the aplomb of Gene Kelly and Vera-Ellen in On The Town, then who did, or does?



The US Navy to the rescue: Dames at Sea harks back to the days of Franklin D. Roosevelt when all the dancing girls loved a sailor and a battleship could be home to a show

Sara Crowe and Jon Peterson fill the obligatory support roles of the blonde with a wisecrack on her lips who will never get top billing and her devoted admirer. He has a good line in tap and she handles the jokes with

aplomb. John Gardyne's nippy production does its best to conceal the New York supper-club origins of this generally disarming and affectionate piece. There is some blatant padding in the first half, including an unnecessary and poorly Sue. Haimsohn and Miller tend to be happier affoat than ashore, paying homage to the mocking them.
'Jim Wise's score is constant-

ly agreeable and well played by an off-stage three-piece hand under Christopher Littlewood's direction.

No bevy of Busby Berkeley bathing belles, alas, but it is good to see the Covent Garden Festival, of which Dames is part, branching out into musical byways. For those who prefer the mainstream, Camelot is on the way next week.

JOHN HIGGINS

nderworld song and dance

t might seem to be a stage partnership made on Par-I nassus: a production of Gluck's Orjeo ed Euridice choreographed by Mark Morris, much of whose finest work has been set to Baroque scores, and conducted by Christopher Hogwood, a leading exponent of playing classical music on old instruments. Thus at a strake two of the piece's princirelative dearth of dramatic incident (and, of course, its requirement for several balcy of the score, which modern taste, paradoxically, almost requires to be performed on

old instruments. Morris's and Hogwood's new production, which recently completed an American tour at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, will be presented at this summer's Edinburgh Festival. It would be hard to imagine a more traditional staging of Gluck's noble, neoclassical vision of triumphant love than this one, from the Doric columns and fluttering

draperies of Adrianne Lobel's lovely set to the little paste wings on the shoulders of Amor, yet the production throughout was marked by bracing freshness and originality of vision.

Unlike Morris's memorable Dido and Aeneas, which was danced straight through, with the singers in the pit, Michael



Skirting the issue the Mark Morris Dance Company in the Morris/Hogwood production of Orfeo ed Buridice

Orfeo ed Euridice Brooklyn

Chance and Dana Hanchard acted out the title roles just as they must do in an ordinary production. The chorus, in evening dress, was placed on risers on either side of the

The choreographer's distinuishing marks were evident throughout: almost any movement performed on the stage might appear to be a quotation from life, but he combines and varies them ingeniously to create a peculiarly elegant formalism, happily suited to this score. The writhing of the world, cleverly lit so as to throw grotesque shadows on the undulating draperies, and the spontaneous camaraderie of the frolicking finale were

pany, in Martin Pakeldinas's

exquisite reinterpretations of

toga and peplos, alternated

between infernal and sylvan

particularly exalting.

Morris also handled the vocal soloists with becoming, straightforward refinement the long third-act duet between the lovers was staged as a stately minuet. The action was never dull; I was especially enchanted by the playfulness of Amor (Christine Brandes), who gambolled and

ance of a cherub by Correggio. The Handel & Haydn Society played with more style

than polish: despite some occasional blowziness in the brass and imperfect string intonation, the musicians propelled song and dance with graceful conviction. Chance was a bit muffled in his lower register at first, but he soon dominated the stage with a robust vocal performance. Hanchard has a beautiful voice with a dark timbre, intensified by a tight sound remarkably similar to Chance's. When the two sang in unison, there was at moments an eerie sonic sameness - but that may not be altogether unsuitable for Gluck's victorious lovers.

JAMIE JAMES

Wild echoes flying

Vignoles et al Assembly Rooms, Bath

THE chances were that, by their fourth concert in the Assembly Rooms in five days, the Bath Festival's Artists in Residence would have worked out how to deal with the acoustic. But after the uncomfortable experience of the third of those concerts, I took no chances: the live broadcast on Radio 3 was a bener ber. Either way, the programmes designed by the pianist Roger Vignoles to illuminate the

vere unmissable. The acoustic difficulties at the Assembly Rooms had never before seemed so acute as they were when Vignoles presided over a concert of music inspired by the gypsy influence. When Louise Winter was singing Gypsy Songs by Brahms and Dvořák, the problems of integration were not so serious. In the instrumental duos, on the other hand — Ralph Kirshbaum playing Janáček's Pohadka and Dmitry Sitkovetsky playing Ravel's Trigane - the problems were insuperable.

In the matching concert of music with a Jewish theme, considerations of balance were, with help from the BBC engineers, far less distracting. Indeed, one had time to wonder what was Jewish about Brahms's Piano Quintet in F minor and to reflect that however good the pianist -Barry Douglas on this occasion — "artists in residence" do not make a chamber ensemble adequate for such a work as this. However, there was a revelatory interpretation by Philip Dukes and Suite for Viola and Piano.

The occasion was notable too, for the European debut of the American soprano Tiffany Jackson, whose voluptuous sound was imaginatively deployed in Milhaud and Ravel.

GERALD LARNER

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Small, but perfectly informed years previously of Rinaldo,

This is the Opera Theatre Company of Dublin's third visit to the Covent Garden Festival with Handel, and once more the occasion for sold-out houses. They should become annual events - after all, Handel composed enough operas to last well into the next millennium. The company's success is

based as much as anything on Séamus Crimmins's musical

As he grew older, Degas painted less and less.

Pastel became his favourite

medium, but the oil paint-

ings he did produce in old age are among his most powerful, none more than

this extraordinary canvas.

that the bath seems flattened

against the wall beyond, it is

nevertheless a sumptuous

The water in the tub

appears to suffuse the room

with warmth, and even the

large towel has lost the cool,

bright whiteness it possesses

in other pictures from the

Leaning against it, the

bather seems strangely elon-

gated as she rubs the side of

her body. Degas wanted to

accentuate the sense of a

body unfolding as it relaxes

Certainly the woman's

flesh is painted in an unusu-

ally simple way. Compared

with the pastels, where the

bathers' bodies are often

scored with harsh lines, this

figure could hardly be more

But there is a sense of

same series.

after a bath.

Restricted in colour, so

perfectly judged, both in themselves and in relation to each other; he shapes the dramatic action cogently, even given some cuts (regrettable in so comparatively short a Handel opera, but forgivable); the vocal decorations he devises are showy but idiomatic -apart, on Wednesday, from one bizarre excursion into the

Richard Cork continues his guide to highlights

of the current exhibition at the National Gallery

unease in this picture as well

as pleasure. The gap sepa-

rating the woman from the

bath seems to emphasise her

isolation. Moreover, she tilts

her head at an awkward

angle. The bather looks very

defencelessness of her ex-

posed, dramatically lit flank hints at a feeling of

and the

alone,

vulnerability.

St Clement Danes moor - and the playing he draws from the London Ba-

"An extraordinary canvas": After the bath: woman

drying herself, c 1894-6. Philadelphia Museum of Art

• Degas: Beyond Impressionism is at the National Gallery

until Aug 26 (tickets from First Call, 0171-420 0000)

• On Monday, Richard Cork continues his series with a discussion of Woman at her

toilette (c 1900-05), while on

Tuesday he will review the

major exhibition of work by the

Swiss sculptor Alberto Giaco-metti at the Scottish Gallery of

Modern Art, in Edinburgh

roque Sinfonia is invigorating. clear and breezy. Amadigi is an early (17)5) world of Lucia di Lammer-

"magic" opera, in some measure an attempt to repeat the phenomenal success four

the first piece Handel wrote for London. There is a lovelorn sorceress, Melissa, who gets no change whatsoever from the fine upstanding hero of the title, but makes life hell for his true love Oriana and exploits his best friend Dardano's passion for the lady

The arias for the lovers are mostly out of the top drawer but, like Schiller, Handel loved bold, determined women who don't play by the rules, and he lavished music of great variety on Melissa, from defiance with trumpets to bouncy, if temporary, 3/4 triumph and a suicide scene with accompanied recitative of extraordinary sensitivity. Majella Cullagh's big, warmly coloured soprano sounded just' right for the role, and she showed a fearlessness of execution to match that of the

The counter-tenor Jonathan Peter Kenny was in good form as Amadigi, and once past some early problems with pitch Anne O'Byrne made a nice, true Oriana. Dardano gets just about the loveliest aria in the opera, a lament with bassoon and oboe obbligato of piercing beauty, well sung by the bronze-toned Buddug Verona James,

Of course there is humour in the work to temper the heroics, but some may find the director James Conway's approach too broad, and you need extremely experienced performers to carry off his near-Wildean ironic treatment of the action - only Cullagh came near it.

But the performance is bursting with life, and those unable to squeeze into the repeats tonight and tomorrow should know that Amadigi visits the Buxton Festival in

RODNEY MILNES





CHOICE 1

Jools Holland's band launches the Greenwich and **Docklands Festival** VENUE: Tonight in Greenwich Park



■ CHOICE 2

Newcastle's dance festival continues with a double-bill by Siobhan Davies VENUE: Tonight at

the Theatre Royal



Bis: is it

Zitpop?

CAITLIN

MORAN

week. Two months after ap-

pearing on Top of the Pops without a label to their name and sparking a bidding war that

involved 47 A&R talent scouts, they

signed to the small but perfectly

Their guitarists, Sci-fi Steve and Disco John, are 20 and 17. Their

keyboardist and singer, Manda Rin, is 18. Following in the adolescent wake of

Marion, Supergrass, Ash, Menswear, Shampoo and Northern Up-

roar. Bis are new recruits to

what we could unkindly dub

Zitpop — a British explosion

of teenage talent that has

flustered A&R men trawling

the playgrounds for the next

of Top of the Pops, believes

Zitpop all started with Nir-

vans. They had that punk ethos, which fuelled the

whole grunge explosion — that feeling of 'Just get up and do it Tomorrow might be too late', which a lot of British kids really

latched on to," he says. "Nirvana really

people had forgotten that guitars

existed. But then you see three Ameri-

cans singing these amazing power-pop

songs and playing what seemed to be

very simple chords, and I think it inspired kids in a way a couple of faceless boffins behind a keyboard

helped the British music scene -

pubescent cash cow. Rik Blaxhill, the producer

formed Wilija.



■ CHOICE 3

Talent scouts eye the playgrounds in the search for new Britpop

Top clarinettist Michael Collins leads a weekend of woodwind delights VENUE: Tonight and



POP I

Teenage wonders: the much-sought Bis are the latest in a new wave of bright, very young things

TRIPLE BILL: Tonight (7:30pm), the samphonists Gerard McChrystel and Tommy Smith, with Keithyn Page, Munsy McLadand and Graham Rikin, pianos, offer works by Dave Heath and Chick Cores, including the world premiers of The Roads Round Pisa by Tommer Chick Limit Charles (Bound Pisa by Tommer Charles (Bound Pisa by Tomme Tommy Smith, Herd Fally by Gesham Pitkin and a new work by Michael McGlynn. Tomorow (7.50pm) the Dember accombile Qualitor Particol pley Symanowski's String Quertet No 2. Michael Collins joins frem for clerinet outrasts by Richard Rochey Bernett and Brahms. Then on Sunday (11.36m), they play Haydry's String Quartet in C and Besthoven's Quertet No 14. Wilgmore Hall, Wignrore Street, London W! (0171-935 2141).

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South Benk, SE (01711-980 4242), Septiment Courte Courte

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertalment compiled by Gillian Manay

Saturday (7pm), Julian LLoyd Webber plays Walton's Callo Concerto with the BBC Concert Orchestra under Barry

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never could." Blaxhill thrills to teen-pop because it is the distilled essence of that marvellous pick'n'mix we call rock'n'roll. Teenage pop is very now. Teenagers have a terrible fear of being boring, and they don't try and tackle the Big ◆ WILPPET TREASURE (\$LAND (U): Issues. You know, Supergrass's biggest single. Alright, was about going out, having a fag and cleaning your teeth. Bis sing about vampires and sweets. Ash sing about wanting to go into space. And I think that's more profound that some woman warbling

JAMES YOUNG is a failed Nico: Songs They Never Play on the Radio, is the funniest rock'n'roll story that I have ever read. The follow-up, Moscow Mule, is a similarly entertaining account of his experiences as a visitor to Moscow over several months. Like an English version of P. J. O'Rourke, but without the expense account, Young smuggles out meticulously observed detail under cover of a flin and, no doubt, wildly

unreliable narrative style. As in his book about Nico. the humour masks, without concealing, the tragedy that

that feeling that they're ready to explode. And that makes good pop." The youthful, passionate side of pop was all but lost to us during the grim, dark days of the 1980s. The pre-revamp

yooooou'. Teenagers have that energy,

Radio I, Q magazine and pre-Blaxhill Top of the Pops served the public a diet of bland, yuppie, suburban blues and soul or a drip-feed of 40-year-old men and women singing about love lost and won, the general irrelevance of which is highlighted by the tele-

vision series Sounds of the Eighties, which has to rely on rare Late Show performances by REM, the Stone Roses and the Smiths to give a real overview of what kids in the 1980s were listening to. But with the replacing of the self-satisfied Summer of Love executives with punk alumni at Q. Top of the Pops and Radio I, the youthful impetus of pop was once again allowed the oxygen of

publicity. And it has worked miracles. Northern Uproar, looking like Oasis's little brothers playing on stolen instruments, went straight in at 17 the average age of the band members. Ash have a No I album, and Menswear, Shampoo and Supergrass have all charted. Teenage enthusiasm is big business - something that the fledgeling Kenickie (18, Blondie-meets-US-art-rock), Brattish (16, Take That/Whams) and Charlie (14, Pulp meets Mozart and we all get confused) are all too aware of. This is the next wave of Zitpop — clued-up teenagers who have learnt how easily the media will fall on the Next Big Thing.

Brattish's Toby Slater calls from a phone-box during his school lunchbreak. "I think bands have realised that you can schmooze your way into a record deal very easily. Once you're backstage, you're surrounded by jour-nalists, PR people and A&R men, and it's easy to talk to them," he explains



airily. "I generally insult them." So why did Slater form his band? "I was jealous," he says frankly. "You see

Bis and Ash on television and you think, 'I could do that'. And I think that's what all these bands are doing they're all very bright, they know how to get famous, they stay with little independent record labels to avoid all the nasty side of business deals, they keep their autonomy, and they're

coming up with fantastic singles and albums. What more could you ask?"

The pips start sounding at the other end of the phone. "I've got to get back for maths," Slater gasps. "I'm in real trouble. I played hooky last week to record demos."

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subject. Ostensibly in Moscow to create a "sound portrait" of the city for a Radio 2 programme, Young finds a community defined by "that prevailing Russian sense of imminent breakdown". Assailed by scenes of un-

imaginable squalor, roving packs of feral dogs and the ingrained hostility of most ordinary Russians to strangers, foreigners and Jews, Young totters from one crisis

■ MOSCOW MULE By James Young

to the next. He meets would-be musicians, sinister businessmen, Fascist academics, glamorous models and other vaguely artistic types, all looking for a "sponsor" and all carrying plastic bags decorat-ed with a picture of Cindy

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ties and intense friendships." We never find out whether Young's radio programme comes to fruition, nor what becomes of the characters he meets in this looking-glass world, which is probably just as well. But the book leaves an unforgettable and intermittently hilarious impression of a place "where the queues are long, the food tastes funny and everything is broken", which should be required reading for all those musicians and artists "struggling" to make ends meet in the pampered West.

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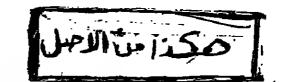
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■ POP 2

A small output but perfectly formed: Blue Nile on the long search for Peace at Last



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Going a bit soft? The latest album from Metallica shows disturbing signs of mellowness





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... while the Aloof live up to their name with a stark and mysterious second album

Not enough riff with the smooth

NEW ALBUMS: If this Metallica were lumberjacks, they'd be the ones who like to press wild flowers

METALLICA

(Vertigo/Mercury 532 618) AS heavy metal overlords of the 1980s, Metallica perpetrated crimes against the hearing of a generation with a wanton genius that was impervious to outside critique. Like the Alien in the first of the Sigourney Weaver movies, the band was a lifeform that functioned with malevolent perfection, however much those assigned to bury it might have wished otherwise.

But it is now five years since the group's crowning glory, the 14-million selling. megaton-riffing Metallica (the so-called Black Album), and they have softened perceptibly. The jerking, bluesy riff of Ain't My Bitch, which opens their new alburn, sounds like Robert Palmer doing one of his T. Rex impressions; the sweeping chorus of Ronnie would not be out of place on a Bon Jovi album; and there is even an acoustic guitar ballad, called Mama Said, with subtle touches of pedal steel.

It is not all like that, of course. The rolling, tomtomdriven riff of Thorn Within and the aggressively grinding boogie rhythm of 2 X 4 hit the rockface like Thor's hammer. And singer James Hetfield vents his spleen with a familiar roar on Wasting My Hate, a portrait of himself as Mr Angry that verges on caricature.

Sometimes it works, as on the single Until it Sleeps, a sensational pop-rock song by any standard. But too often the hard thinking gets in the way of the hard rocking, and when they attempt to paste a presumably ironic lyric over a pseudoMe, they are in danger of

THE ALOOF

Sinking (East West 0630-14584) ONE OF many acts now chipping away at the interface between dance music and experimental rock, the Aloof is a four-piece from London that numbers among its ranks DJ Jagz Kooner and keyboard player Gary Burns, both formerly of Sabres Of Paradise, and DJ/producer Dean Thatcher of Red Snapper.

Sinking, their second al-

bum, is a stark and mysterious cocktail of gliding synthesizer sounds, languid dub effects and furiously shuffling percussion loops. with the ultra-compressed jazz vocals of Ricky Barrow periodically bobbing up like

the umbrella on top.

Although the album is essentially a tour of alternative realities, influenced by drowsy trip hop, there is a surprisingly forceful quality to numbers such as Abuse, with its sinister, helicopterblade rhythm, and the industrial-strength beats of One Night Stand.

60FT DOLLS

(Indolent DOLLS004) THE latest in a recent string of Welsh exports, 60ft Dolls from Newport have successfully located the original garage-band thrill and deliver a punchy, if predictable, rock'n'roll broadside on their debut album.

A man who wears his influences on his sleeve, singer Richard Parfitt has one of those classic breathless British voices - somewhere between Ian Hunter

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he applies with a gung-ho spirit to numbers that shoot losing the plot altogether. past like trees outside a train

> The slowish finale of Buzz and a drugs-can-do-you-in number called Streamlined are the nearest they get to a ballad, but more typical is the happy-go-lucky blast of New Loafers ("Sitting on a sofa, waiting for my chauf-feur"), the hot-wired Paul Westerberg-style rocker The One and a brilliant, punkedup take on Tom Petty's rootsy bar-band sound, called Good Times.

DAVE GRANEY 'N' THE CORAL SNAKES Night of the Wolverine (This Way Up/ Island 532 129)

ALTHOUGH currently on heavy rotation on the London pub circuit, Dave Grancy is said to be a star of some substance in his native Australia, where Night of the Wolverine was released three years ago.
As a singer he marries the

stylistic traits of Nick Cave and Lou Reed without achieving the low-register gravitas of either. But as a combination of showman, storyteller and hustler, he scores with literate, oddball narratives that are perfectly framed by the wide-screen, acoustic rock n roll of the

SINGLE REBECKA TÖRNQVIST Good Thing (EMI 8 65242)

THE first single released in Britain by Swedish singer and songwriter Rebecka Tornqvist, Good Thing is a jaumty tune, nudged along by a sunny slide guitar. If anything, it recalls the early work of Tanita Tikaram.

However, her impressive treatments of Alec Wilder's I'll Wait and the Burke/Van Heusen standard Here's that Rainy Day underline her serious jazz credentials. A sophisticated talent with a light, populist touch, Tornqvist could turn out to be a very good thing indeed.

DAVID SINCLAIR



"Really good things come along only when they're ready to --- you can't hurry them up," says Paul Buchanan, patient leader of the Blue Nile

Take your time, think a lot

Buchanan more than any other. Inevitably it is that which he is most often asked, but only by those not already entranced by the music of his band, the Blue Nile: why does it take so long to come up with each new album? "I think people get it the wrong way round," he says of the popular expectation that artists should be not only gifted, but also effortlessly, extravagantly prolific. "What I would want to ask is, why don't more people wait until they can put out good records?"

This is not the self-aggrandising response it might seem; like his partners Robert Bell and Paul Joseph Moore, Buchanan is too well-mannered ever to think of blowing his own trumpet. But he has a point. And those who love the group are grateful for this commitment to quality, not quantity.

Having met as students at their home-town university, the three Glas-wegians released their first LP, A Walk Across the Rooftops, to critical acclaim in 1984. But long before 1989, when its equally lauded successor. Hats, appeared, a cartoon-like image had been bestowed upon them by the wider music industry - that of reclusive perfectionists, toiling obsessively. Allowing nearly seven years to elapse

Three albums in a dozen years is hardly prolific, but that's the way things are with the ever-lovely Blue Nile. Alan Jackson reports

before presenting a follow-up, Peace at Last, has only served to confirm this caricature, of course, "I know, I know," Buchanan says. "But take latter-period Bob Dylan or Stevie Wonder or Paul McCartney ... wouldn't you say there's sometimes a strong case for putting out less material, not more?

The growing number of famous names to have sought him out in the interim might choose to disagree. Peers as diverse as Robbie Robertson, Michael McDonald and Julian Lennon have benefited recently from his collaborative influence on their own songwriting, while Annie Lennox, Rickie Lee Jones, Rod Stewart and even Isaac Hayes covered material from Hats.

All this has been more than enough to guarantee him cult status as a writer, if not as a performer. Mean-while a relationship, since ended, with the actress Rosanna Arquette gave the self-effacing Buchanan a vicarious experience of what full-scale celebrityhood might be like. "I found that I enjoyed the contrast of being

photographed at an awards ceremony one day, then being ignored by the waitress in some greasy spoon the next. It's all just a chance to absorb detail." On stepping out of the reflected spotlight, it took an itinerant progress

through rehearsal spaces or studios in Copenhagen, Venice, Paris, Dublin and finally Los Angeles before Buchanan and Co could call Peace at Last complete. "Really good things come along only when they're ready to — you can't hurry them up," he says. "And why settle for making something that has no worth? There are enough plastic key-rings out there in the universe — generations from now, they'll still be struggling to get rid of all the free gifts we give out at service stations. You have to aim for something more than

just their musical equivalent."

The album has been greeted with great excitement by Warner Bros executives. "Of course it's intense, moving and deeply beautiful," the thinking seems to run. "After all, it's a Blue Nile record." This time, though, it

is subtly different, accessible enough to sell a great many copies. "All in all, almost the perfect set-up for a disappointment," the singer-writer says.

Lyrically, the ten tracks return again

and again to what Buchanan judges the important things in life: family. friends, youth, hope, some sex, a little religion, your favourite music. Among such references, only the religious ones could be said to represent a potential surprise to anyone familiar with his songwriting to date. They surface most strongly on the album's centrepiece. Family Life, and beg a question: Buchanan was raised a Catholic, but does he still consider himself one?

furtive look, and a message whispered into my tape machine: "Don't listen, Mum." "I wish I was still a real Catholic," he continues, more loudly. "Instead I'm a sort-of-one, spectacularly so in times of crisis, and the mythology retains a strong pull on me." Buchanan smiles self-consciously, and says he feels uncomfortable at expressing his opinions on such funda-mental issues. "Is there a God? How would I know? It would be really good if there was. For me, I can't quite stop believing. Not yet."

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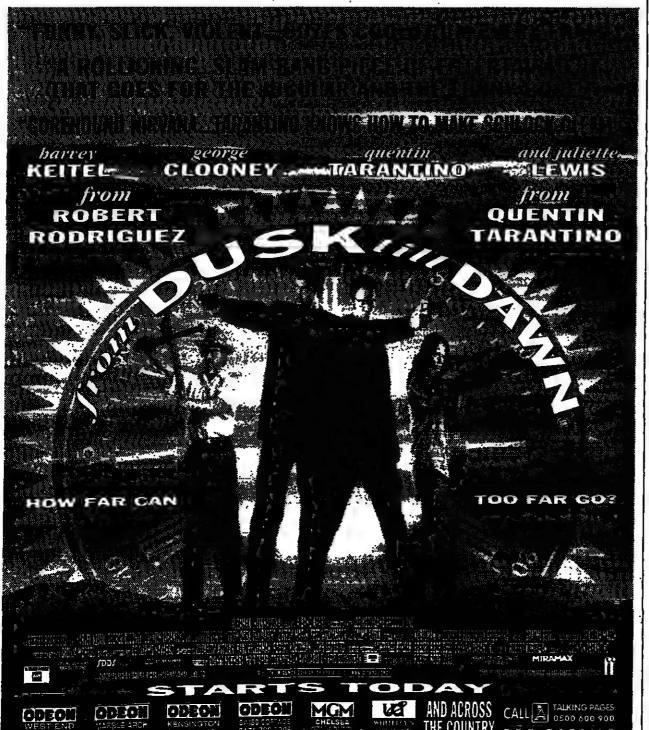
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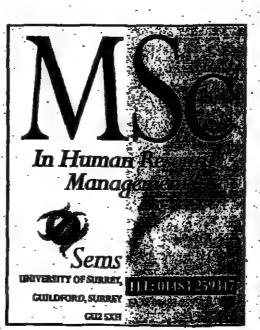
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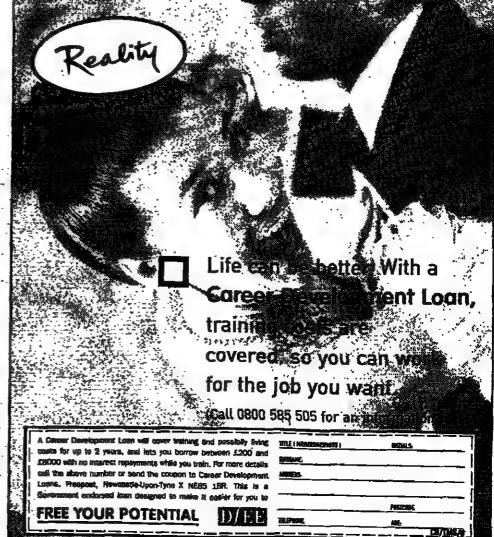
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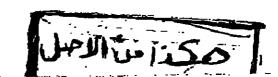
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The battle for literacy

Michael Barber on what Britain must do to get children reading and reap the economic reward

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> vidence published earlier this week shows that Britain is slipping further the competitiveness league table. At nineteenth, we are in grave danger of being relegated from the economic premier league. Chile and Taiwan are two of the countries ahead of us.

Raising educational standards is essential if our downward slide is not to continue. Educational progress on its own will not be enough, but without it our economic problems will certainly worsen. The Government's reforms

of the past decade have been controversial but few now doubt that at their core were some good ideas. A national curriculum, nationally assessed, has helped to establish higher expectations and a common language in which to debate standards. Delegating educational funding to schools has given them greater freedom to operate effectively, and regular school inspections have been beneficial.

The evidence suggests that educational standards have risen substantially in the past decade, certainly in GCSE and A-level examinations, and in participation rates post-16 and post-18. So it is tempting to conclude that if the reforms were simply allowed to "bed down", all would be well and Britain would catch up with its

Tempting but disastrous. Although standards have risen, they remain far below those of many other countries. Worse still, the bedrock of future educational success the standard of literacy at the end of primary schooling - is not firmly in place.
Although aspects of the re-

cent Ofsted report on reading were contested, no one dis-



Testing time: the early acquisition of reading skills is absolutely vital for educational — and national — progress

out of ten pupils in year six achieved reading ages which were two or more years below their chronological age. Many of these 11-year-old pupils achieved a reading age of about eight,"

While the three deprived boroughs in the survey are not typical of the whole country, its results reveal very serious literacy problems in Britain's metropolitan areas - and underperformance in literacy at 11 has dire consequences. Secondary schools are often not equipped to ameliorate or rectify it and, if they are, it is expensive. Poor literacy is also associated with poor standards of behaviour, especially among boys. Worse still, we know from research that pupils who leave primary school as low achievers are also likely to be low achievers at 16.

educational standards substantially in the long term depends upon an urgent, concerted effort to boost reading standards in primary schools. The Government has taken some positive steps on reading

Any realistic hope of raising

funded the Reading Recovery Programme for three years, only to withdraw funding as evidence of its success emerged. This year it an-nounced the establishment of national literacy centres, of which much is rightly expected. Overall, though, the area has suffered from too many disconnected initiatives and an absence of strategic thinking. For example, although one chief aim of the national

curriculum was to raise standards in the "three Rs", the

evidence suggests that because it was so overloaded in its first few years, it actually reduced the amount of time devoted to The problem is exacerbated by the extent of conflict over reform, and by the nature of

the public debate. This has created a climate in which no one seems willing to take any responsibility for failure. The Government blames teachers without accepting its own responsibility for strategy and teacher retraining. Teachers and their leaders point to underfunding or class sizes as the cause of the problem. Yet the public would, surely welcome an admission from the profession that in this overwhelmingly important aspect of education, teachers have not got it right and need to think

The media portray this dispute but rarely seems to reflect on the role they might play -through children's television programming, for example in addressing the problem. Meanwhile, parents sit bewildered on the sidelines of an unedifying row.
The Government's an-

nouncement that inspectors would have greater powers to test children and inspect teacher training may or may not help. Either way, it cannot conceivably be an adequate response to the problem. There are, in my view, two

preconditions for any effective solution. First, every party involved Sovertiment teachers, parents and the media - needs to be less quick to blame others and more

When should the deaf be heard?

Jenny Knight on a girl's fight with her local authority

the stiff entrance exthe Mary Hare Grammar School for the deaf, but if Hampshire County Council has its way she will attend the local comprehensive.

Janet and Tom McGarry, her parents, are awaiting the results of an appeal to a special needs tribunal chailenging the council's decision to send the 11-year-old to Cove Comprehensive in her home town of Farnborough, instead of the specialist boarding school in Newbury, Berkshire. The issue is not just about

whether Laurie — who has a severe hearing loss — will get most A levels, but whether she would be better off in a deaf community rather than trying to fit into mainstream

Mrs McGarry, who is also deaf and was educated at a mainstream school, said: We want Laurie to be happy and not struggle to be a hearing person, which is something she can never be. I was always last to under-stand whatever was happening at school." Our deaf friends who

went to deaf schools are confident and stable while those who went to mainstream schools say they suffered all sorts of trauma," Mr McGarry said. "We asked the local education authority to provide us with evidence showing how deaf children at mainstream schools turn out. They never provided it. "Laurie has been very suc-

cessful at primary school but at secondary level, education speeds up. We fear she will be discriminated against at the comprehensive. She will never be given the main part in a school play and won't be able to take a proper part in classroom discussions. Hampshire County Coun-

cil says Cove Comprehensive offers special provision for hearing impaired children, covering the whole curricu-



Appeal: Janet McGarry and her daughter Laurie

lum using amplification, acoustically treated rooms, sub-titled videos, specialist support from speech and language tutors as well as teaching assistants who help with note-taking while the deaf child is lip-reading. Fears that life will be

harder for Laurie at a comprehensive are borne out hy a small but disturbing study by Dr Peter Hindley, a child psychiatrist. He found that London children attending deaf units at comprehensive schools had almost twice the rates of psychiatric disorders compared with children at a deaf school. Dr Hindley concluded that a possible explanation was that the deaf school's environment promoted psychological wellbeing more effectively

than partial hearing units. He said: "The deaf school was small. The partially hearing units (PHU) were all attached to large comprehen-sive schools. The deal school offered its pupils a relatively homogeneous peer group, with deaf members of staff and a positive identification with deaf culture through the

use of sign language. The pupils at PHUs were a minority group in a large group of children without bearing impairments. While teasing and bullying by peers did take place in the deaf school, it did not occur in relation to the children's deafness. In contrast many of the children at PHUs described bullying by hearing peers, centring on the child's deafness."

study in America showed that more Lthan half of a group of high school students had difficulty making hearing friends and only a tiny minority had any contact with hearing peers outside

Mr McGarry said: "We had a fair hearing at the tribunal and will probably have to accept the decision. They asked Laurie questions and could see that she couldn't understand what was going on without the

help of an interpreter.

"If Laurie goes to the comprehensive I will try to arrange a bi-weekly review with the school so we are aware of any problems. Laurie goes on holiday with other deaf children and comes back on a high. I am convinced her confidence would be much greater if she went to the Mary Hare."

A headmaster is to swap a comprehensive for St Helena, **Peter Foster** reports

In Napoleon's footsteps

ed to trade the rigours Lof a busy comprehensive to tend to the educational needs of a far-flung outpost of the British Empire. John Price,

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ment of the island's ten schools with its 1,400 pupils as well as having responsibility for the public libraries.

Mr Price, headmaster at St John's School, Marlborough. for the past 14 years said he had not been looking for a job when he saw the position advertised in The Times Educational Supplement. "I felt I probably had five more years in education and thought this job would make a definite

change and be interesting and challenging so I applied," he said. The island, more than 1,100 miles off the coast of Africa, makes contact with the outside world mainly through a Royal Mail ship which arrives every six

to eight weeks. Mr Price and Angela, his wife, will will fly with the RAF to Ascension, an island some 700 miles northwest of St Helena, before spending two and a half days sailing to their final destination. An amateur bi-

Moving: John Price and wife Angela

ologist, Mr Price says he will have little problem keeping himself occupied on a lump of volcanic rock ten miles long and six miles wide: "I have a special interest in the flora and fauna of isolated islands and shall be following some eminent scientists. Charles Darwin stopped at the island while on the so-called Beagle voyage out of which came On the Origin of Species. St Helena has an exciting range of endemic plant species which should keep me occupied. The rest of the time I shall spend walking on the coast and

enjoying the view." One of the best views on the island will be from the Prices' new house, a converted officers' mess which looks straight out to sea from cliffs 700ft above Jamestown, the island's capital, "I look forward to watching the RMS

on my last contact with the outside world until the mail arrives in six weeks' time," Mr Price added. He will commute to his office in the centre of James-

town down the 699 steps of Jacob's Ladder. The stairway. which rises at an angle of 39 degrees, is cut into the mountainside. If Mr Price cannot face the walk back up, he can take his Peugeot which he has had shipped over specially.



Asked how his friends reacted to his plan, Mr Price said some thought him brave, others a little mad but most were envious to the point of inquiring whether St Helena might need any other experienced professionals.

Mr Price confessed that he would miss some of the comforts and conveniences of life in Britain but was confident he could live without McDonald's and the English weather: "I shall miss the chance to go to the opera or cinema and going into a good bookshop and browsing through the latest publications. On St Helena I shall be reading reviews of books that won't reach the island for weeks to come."

But unlike the exiled Napoleon, who died on St Helena in 1821. Mr Price will be able to return to his homeland when his contract expires.

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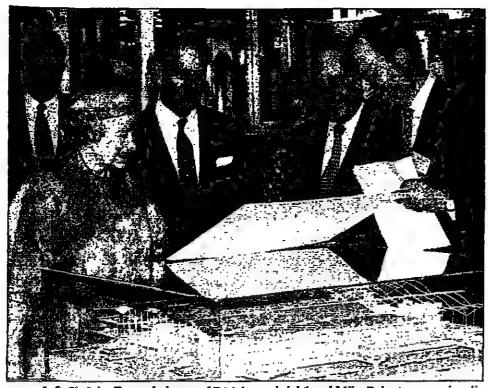
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June 6, 1944, as 130,000 Allied troops were storming the Normandy beaches, a few dozen navvies began digging on Hounslow Heath to lay the foundations for two strips of concrete which are now Britain's main gateway to the world.

Hounslow Heath - a flat layer of gravel deposited 25 million years ago - is 14 miles to the west of London. It had been used as a Royal Flying Corps training aerodrome during the First World War but had had to take a back seat to Croydon, which was developed as the capital's main airport in the 1920s.

Fairey Aviation continued to use what it called the Great West Aerodrome to test its aircraft, enabling some far-sighted aviators and politicians serving on Lord Beaverbrook's War Cabinet Committee on Civil Air Transport to suggest its development as a main terminal airport.

Using warnime emergency powers, the Air Ministry bought 2,800 acres of land on Hounslow Heath and drew up plans to develop it in a Star of David pattern to allow aircraft to take off in any direction. After the war it was transferred to civilian control. On May 28, 1946, a BOAC

Avro-Lancastrian took off with six passen-

gers — each with an armchair, a window and a table - bound for Sydney, Australia. Three days later, London Airport-Heath Row was formally opened. To cope with the demand from passengers from airlines such as Pan Am and American Overseas Airways, which now began using the airport on a regular

Harvey Elliott

on Heathrow's

fiftieth anniversary

with armchairs, a bar, a Cable and Wireless Desk and Elsan toilets. Fire buckets were used to catch the rain and duckboards protected passengers from the thick oozing mud.

Within its first year it had handled 60,000 passengers, 2,400 tons of cargo and more than 8,000 flights. Compare this with the 54 million passengers who will pass through Heathrow on 1,100 flights a day heading for 213 destinations in 85 countries this year, and the one million tons of cargo a year worth more than 540 tons of cargo a year worth more than £40 billion which the airport handles.

Today Heathrow is the size of Hereford, with the jobs of 54,000 people depending on the airport directly and a further 26,000 in the surrounding area. The wages paid to these employees alone are

worth more than £3 billion a year. Although some American airports are bigger than Heathrow, it handles more international passengers than any other in the world. Because it has so many flights to so many places it has developed into the world's leading connecting "hub", with passengers from Africa flying in to change planes for the Far East and travellers arriving from America catch

The basic facts and figures surrounding Heathrow are mind-numbing. There are 35 flights a day to Paris, 22 to New York. On June 30 last year the airport handled

194.500 passengers. Last year it handled 57 million items of baggage.

BAA is also spending £1 million every day improving the airport still further. But there are real concerns about the future. It is now impossible for any new airlines to start operating from Heathrow, and even existing carriers do not have the take-off and landing slots available to

expand further. Giant aircraft capable of carrying up to 800 people are about to be produced and there is a rapid growth in the use of larger aircraft. The increased numbers of passengers have to go somewhere, hence the proposal to build a fifth terminal.

The public inquiry has lasted for more than a year, and is certain to last at least another. Opponents of the scheme are determined to make it difficult, if not impossible, to open the terminal — even if it is finally approved - in 2003 as is now

And by then Heathrow will be bursting at the seams. Already big airlines are looking at airports on the European mainland which they could develop into a "hub" for their long-haul services, relegating Heathrow to no more than a regional feeder airport.

Without the planned expansion, say those who own and use Heathrow, it will not go on growing very far into its second

Shopping provides the funds for AA's battle with Swissair to buy the Aliders duty-free shops expansion, reports David Churchill at Heathrow and other airports is a clear sign of how important retailing is for the airport operator. Retail revefor BAA, says: "We are not a monopoly. Passengers can buy duty-free goods, for exam-

airports is its largest source of ple, on the plane on the way finance, bringing in £514 mil-lion in 1994-95. This represents out or coming back and they also have the option of shop-44 per cent of its earnings. ping in their departure airport Allders, which rents its reat the other end as well." tail shops from BAA, would British Airways plans to add significantly to this if BAA increase its retail revenue by

takes control of the stores.

BAA says its earnings from retailing enable it to invest more than £1 million a day offering in-flight catalogues for goods to be ordered and dispatched later, Underpinning Heathrow's across the group to develop and improve its services. More retail strategy since the early 1990s has been an element of importantly, retail revenue makes it possible for Heathcompetition, bringing in a wider variety of competing retailers in each of the four row to keep down its landing terminals. There are now

Passengers might be forgivmore than 30 retail operations en for wondering if Heath-row's expansion to become one at the airport, ranging from fashion retailers such as Austin Reed and Aquascutum, of the largest shopping malls in the South East detracts designer boutiques like Gucci and Ferragamo, and gift shops from its prime function: to be a place from which to fly. Some including Chinacraft and the airline chiefs, for example, Disney store. have voiced concern that travellers can cause delays

Given Heathrow's passenger profile - with 55 per cent because they are too engrossed of its passengers in the AB in shopping to take notice of socio-economic category and a further third in the CI group it is not surprising that most BAA's research shows that shopping is high on the list of stores are upmarket specialist passengers' priorities and can retailers. The Mappin & Webb shop in Terminal 4. for exambe a factor in choosing which

ple, is reportedly the biggest

selling outlet for Rolex watch-

es in the UK. A bottle of Scotch whisky, moreover, is sold every seven seconds the airport open. Johnny Walker Red Label is the top brand, while Chanel No 5 is the most

popular fragrance. Unlike most British high streets. Heathrow's shopping is targeted towards overseas residents - nearly half those using the airport are of foreign nationalities. Hence they tend to buy larger items, such as electrical goods, which are often substantially cheaper than in their own countries. Scandinavians also buy spirits because the tax and duty at

home makes them expensive. Heathrow, like all BAA

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airports, operates a scheme guaranteeing prices no higher than those found in the high street and often significantly less because many items are tax-free. BAA also offers a guarantee promising a full refund to anywhere in the world if a passenger is unhappy. for whatever reason, with a

product bought at the airport. For the future, Terminal 5, if it gets the go-ahead, will provide the first opportunity for BAA to design a terminal with shopping at its heart. Although no shops have been earmarked for the terminal -BAA is anxious not to take its go-ahead for granted - it will inevitably include a WH Smith. After all, Smith's was the first shop opened at Heathrow 50 years ago, and the need for something to read on a journey still holds today.

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Arthur Reed on the milestones in aviation

Slow bombers to supersonic jets

terminal in 1946 had the choice of 18 air routes, and were flown in slow and noisy aircraft, many of them hasty conversions from wartime bombers and transports.

By the close of that first year, the handful of airlines operating from the new airport had made more than 8,000 flights. with each airliner carrying an average of 6.5 passengers. Today, the contrast could hardly be more remarkable. It is a graphic reflection of the galloping pace of civil

Heathrow now has 1,100 flights each day, by 93 airlines to 213 destinations in 85 countries. While the average number on board each airliner is 130, Boeing 747 jumbo jets routinely take off with as many as 420 passengers.

After Heathrow's progress from its take-off in 1946, the next significant step came in May 1952, when the British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC), a forerunner of British Airways, flew the world's first scheduled service with a jet-powered airliner, the de Havilland Comet, to

By the late 1950s jets were up in the future, aircraft will

taking over from the propellerpowered aircraft. The jet-Boeing 707s and Douglas DC8s, flying at 450mph, more than halved what had been a bumpy 17hour marathon, with refuelling stops at Shannon and Gander on the way.

for each take-off and touch-

down. This trend can already

be seen with the recent arrival

of a new generation of twin-

engine, high-capacity wide-bodied airliners, the Airbus

A330 and the Boeing 777. Both

these aerospace manufactur-

ers are at an advanced stage of

planning for a family of airlin-

ers to carry 600, 800 and even

1.000 passengers at a time. But such enormous airliners

inally designed in the piston-

Geneva, estimates that it will

cost more than \$100 million

per site to modify runways,

taxiways and aircraft aprons.

and passenger terminals to

accommodate the super-jum-

Heathrow saw its first scheduled 747 jumbo service in January 1970, when Pan American used one of the new wide-body jets on the New York run, and in September that same year the first supersonic Concorde landed - on an unscheduled diversion from Farnborough. A British Airways Concorde opened the first scheduled supersonic service out of the airport in January 1976 with a flight to which touched 1.350mph when cruising at 55,000ft down the Adriatic and across the eastern

Mediterranean. The liberalisation of civil aviation by the European Union has resulted in a rash of start-up airlines, and many of these are knocking on the Heathrow door for admission. On busy days in the summer season, Heathrow already handles as many as 90 take-

offs and landings in an hour. If Heathrow is not to seize



Hot seat: Mike Roberts, managing director of Heathrow

Planning ahead

The man responsible for running the world's busiest international

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airport is Mike Roberts. The 51-year-old managing director of Heathrow is in the hot seat at one of the most critical junctures in the airport's history. He faces challenges from continental rivals. such as Schiphol, Paris and Frankfurt, continuing pressure from local community groups worried about the airport's impact on the environment, and the uncertainty over whether the Terminal 5

development will go ahead.

It is a tall order and Mr
Roberts admits that in the
early days of his job — he became MD in October 1991 - he was sometimes close to despair at the level of what he saw as negative publicity about the airport. He believes the tide has changed. The balance of media comment has turned positive," he says. Mr Roberts is no strange

to the controversies that such a high-profile airport can create. One of his first jobs, when joining the British Air-ports Authority (now BAA) in 1967 as the company's first graduate trainee, was to measure the impact that the new jumbo jets would have on

Why the locals

appreciate Mike Roberts's efforts

Heathrow. His subsequent career took him to Gatwick. where he rose to the post of general manager, before returning to Heathrow in the late 1980s as operations

director.

His return coincided with a brief from Sir John Egan, the newly appointed BAA chairman, to shake up the airport's attitude towards its customers - be they airlines, passengers or employees. The airlines were mollified by the opening up of the airport's take off and landing slots to more carriers, passengers were wooed with several new initiatives, and business travellers were given huxury lounges and a fasttrack service at busy times.

Heathrow also scores over many other airports, he be-lieves, because of its extensive route structure and frequency of flights. "If a business traveller misses the first New York flight of the day, he or she can still catch a later service and arrive the same day." he says. But one of the most difficult

problems that faced Mr Roberts was that with the local community, where communi-cation had deteriorated to almost zero. Improving relations was a priority, especially given the impending decision to go for a fifth terminal at the

He initiated a series of measures aimed at wooing local communities, including investing in local projects, holding regular open meetings and acting on complaints, building a £4 million visitors' centre so that local people could come and learn about the airport, and establishing a noise "hotline". The result, according to airport surveys, has been a marked improvement in attitudes to-

wards the airport. Mr Roberts believes that one of the key elements of his job is to plan ahead. "The hallmark of our company has been to take a very long perspective," he says. "There are not many businesses where you mand to plan your where you need to plan your infrastructure on a 15 to 20year timescale. If we hadn't planned ahead in the past, then Heathrow would not be the success it is today."

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Keep the noise down, please

Heathrow makes every effort to

take care of the neighbourhood

t is perhaps not surprising that Heathrow's "mission statement" includes a policy of being "a good neighbour, recognising the needs of the community and the environment". The airport has grown over the past half-century to become one of the dominant features of the environment in the region, affecting everything from air quality and waste management. Noise pollution, however,



The airport fines aircraft that break noise limits

remains the key area of concern for many who live and work in the area. The airport has a nine-point action plan to counter noise pollution, including increased fines for aircraft that break the noisecontrol procedures. In the few years the plan has been run-ning. £200,000 paid in fines has gone to finance local

community projects.
Other measures include noise insulation for more than 7,000 local homes and a repair scheme for vortex damage caused by circulating currents of turbulent air which can dislodge roof tiles.

Responsibility for co-ordinating environmental issues is given to a dedicated management team. With a budget of £4.5 million a year, a range of targets is set and reported on to the local community in an annual environmental report.

Air pollution, for example, is mainly caused not by aircraft but by cars — used by both passengers and employees which also lead to localised road congestion. A third of Heathrow's passengers arrive or leave by public transport the airport's long-term goal is to help to increase this to about 50 per cent. One example is the opening of the Paddington to Heathrow rail link in 1998. The airport operates the largest car-share scheme for employees in the UK. Local bus routes are subsidised and a cycle policy has recently been introduced, with convenient storage areas, showers and changing facilities.

Given the wide-open spaces that are the inherent feature of an airport, Heathrow has established the Causeway nature reserve on its eastern edge. This is available to local schools to learn about environmental management and conservation. There are also two other conservation areas for recreational use by local residents on land close to the airport's boundary. Heathrow's landscaping department has also planted 1,000 trees and shrubs and 250,000 bulbs

around the airport. Waste management at the airport is focused on recycling schemes, with the amount of waste disposed of falling by 14 per cent last year. Recycling schemes include the involve-ment of the Feltham Young Offenders Institution which has pioneered ways to retrieve and recycle aircraft waste.

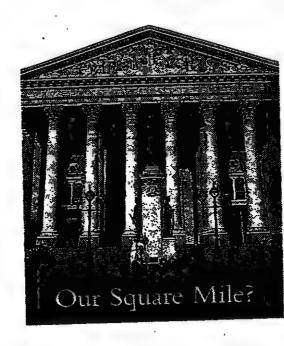
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Rob Hughes, football correspondent, on the sport's big power game

Fifa poised to show red card to Havelange

nances beyond anything known in Great Britain, is about to explode in Zurich today. I have just seen João Havelange, the president of Fifa and the father of one of its slogans, "Fifa, For The Good Of The Game." As he glided away in one of the limousines that he so proudly says represents an international body once worth nothing, but under his leadership with \$80 million in reserve, I heard one of his senior executive committee members utter: "Fifa. for the

God of the game."
We shall see, today and tomorrow, whether Havelange, the Lain who has presided over Fifa for 22 years since the ousting of Sir Stanley Rous, is still the god of his

game. When Fifa House is cleared this morning of all but the committee men, the rule of Havelange is to be challenged in three ways, each of which is tantamount to a vote of no

First on the agenda is the rebellion among a majority of the 21-man executive committee about the manner in which marketing and television rights for the World Cups of 2002 and 2006 have been negotiated, apparently by Havelange and Sepp Blatter. his general secretary, in contradiction to pledges made to the committee. There is a movement to have these deals scrapped, and the whole process of negotiation done again, this time with "transparency and accountability".

Then, it gets really interesting. No less than 14 of the 21-man executive have put their names to the desire for Fifa to break its own rule and to ask Japan and South Korea. after so expensive and so wounding a bidding campaign, to co-host the World Cup in 2002. Havelange, blatantly canvassing on behalf of Japan alone since 1993, has simply used an 80-year-old ear to pretend that he is deaf to the word "democracy" and to the will of his membership.

Thirdly, if co-hosting is blocked, Lennart Johansson, the president of Uefa, the governing body of the game in Europe, and the first challenger that Havelange has met to his authority, will demand



Political football: Johansson and Havelange will do battle for control of the world game in a series of meetings over the next two days in Zurich

an apparently innocent but deliberately loaded stipulation. He wants the vote between the two Asian super-powers on Saturday morning to be handled by an independent party — the Fifa auditors. he suggests - rather than to remain in the pockets of Havelange and Blatter during the two hours between the votes being cast and the

How ever you dress up these three points of contention, they amount to a lack of faith in the leadership. And, I believe, the only reason why members are not being entirely honest in their challenge to the administration, is because the statutes of Fifa deny such a movement within the committee. Havelange thinks that he is protected from the floor; the membership, who have acqui-

esced to his every whim for more than two decades, insist that their time has come. The language between senior vice-presidents of Fifa this week spread across the world, where football crosses every utive committee meeting today alters intentions, the members are expected to vote thus: PRO KOREA

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ASIA: Mong-loon Chung (Korea Republic); Herry Fok (Hong Kong), EUROPE: Larmart Johansson (Sweden), David Will (Scotland), Antonio Matarrase (tayl), Michel of Hooghe (Belgium), Gerhard Mayer-Vorielder (Germany), Per Raun Omdel (Norway)

PRO JAPAN known barrier of race, culture,

ence well beyond his grave. of the game. Football, growing with the expansion of telebottomless pit of sponsorship money, is in a position to establish its move towards the

FLOATING VOTERS

technological era, that each would deliver their promises. So, the choice would be between rewarding Korea's passion throughout this century for the game, or to entice the vouth of Japan into a way of life that their fathers have

missed. The co-hosting option

Johansson thinks so, too. Appailed by the almost immoral spending of \$100 million between Japan and Korea in the bidding process alone, he believes that any human being who cared for both the sport and the Far East would call off the enmity and use

grows in appeal.

football as a catalyst to peace. Of course, he has another agenda. Johannson knows that a World Cup, expanded for commercial reasons to 32 teams, is almost too big for a single nation to mount. He obtained the signatures of all eight European Fifa executive members last month on a letter appealing to Havelange

of the African Confederation. similarly put his continent's three votes behind that objective. The president of football's Asian Confederation also wrote - but three continents, representing five of the eight vice-presidents of Fifa, were ignored by Havelange, who carried on giving his blatant speeches on behalf of Japan alone.

"I am a sportsman." Havelange declared last week. In sport, there is always a winner and a loser. The Fifa rules do not allow co-hosting of the World Cup. As long as I am Fifa president, that will not

He does not hear the voices in his own committee saying

'He doesn't contemplate that a leader can be changed'

that rules are there to change He does not contemplate that, if a leader has lost credibility, then he, 100, can be changed.

The members say that they now have the stomach for a fight. Some acknowledge that Havelange has lost all sense of neutrality, that his administration has gone beyond all

So, tomorrow, if it comes to vote between Japan and Korea, some Fifa members believe that they have no option but to match politics with politics. They say that they will vote for Korea to embarrass Havelange.

When they meet at Fifa House, the security arrangements will keep out the media and the bidding delegations in. To give you some idea of what is at stake, two recent Prime Ministers will sit in a waiting room rather like that

many who believed that Japan had the whole thing sewn up, on the president's promise.

Dwyer to oversee coaching at Leicester

IN BRIEF

BOB DWYER, who coached Australia to victory in the 1991 rugby union World Cup. is to join Leicester as the new director of coaching. He will work with Ian Smith, the present coach, in what is expected to be a relatively short-term appointment. Smith, who will coach Eng-

land Students during their World Cup tournament in South Africa in July, is to resign his teaching post at Oakham School to take up a full-time job with Leicester. "It is a very exciting time, with a new full-time role and the chance to work closely with one of the world's top coaches," Smith said.

Dwyer, ousted after eight years as Australia national coach last autumn, coached Racing in Paris last season.

Mixed success

Squash: England meet Egypt in the semi-finals of the new mixed-sex World Cup tournament in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, today. Australia, the No I seeds, play South Africa in the other semi-final.

Mark Chaloner, Cairns and Suzanne Horner were all victorious in the 3-0 victory over Finland in qualifying pool B yesterday. Meanwhile. Wales achieved their first win, defeating Italy 2-I to finish third in pool D.

Old and new

Basketball: Nick Donovan and Andy Bett are the new caps in the England squad for the two fixtures against Slovakia next week. There are also places for the established players. Peter Scantiebury and Ronnie Baker.

ENGLAND SQUAD: R Baker (Leoperds), I McGmay (Sheffeld), J Swaine (Sheffeld), P Scantisbury (Tharnes Valley), I Whyte (Leoperds), N Donouan (Uneversity of Mo-ann), S Duridey (Unroges), M Harvey (Donouser), T Simms (Derby), A Bet (Leoperds) P Genteron (Associated)

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Validity of bylaws irrelevant

Percy and Another v Hall Before Lord Justice Simon Brown.

Lord Justice Peter Gibson and

Judgment May 10 Whether bylaws were valid or whether the police could plead inwful justification to allegations of wrongiul arrest and faise imprisonment, if they could show that they had a reasonable belief that the plaintiffs were committing

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, inter alia, allowing an appeal brought by 66 defendant Ministry of Defence police constables and the 68th defendant, the Anorney-General med in place of the Secretary of State for Defence for breach statutory duty for making alleg-edly defective bylaws.

Sir Peter Webster, sitting as a deputy High Court judge, on April 4, 1995 had held that he was bound by the Divisional Court decision In Bugg v Director of Public Prosecu-Forest Moor and Monwith Hill Station Bylaws (SI 1986 No 481) were invalid for uncertainty. How-ever, he went on to hold that the of lawful justification. The 67th North Yorkshire Police, did not

From April 1990 to October 1991 the plaintiffs, Lindis Elizabeth were arrested for alleged breaches of the bylaws between them over 150 times and removed from the vicinity of a military communications installation in North

The plaintiffs said their activities were designed to stop abuses of power by the Ministry of Defence. The plaintiffs contended that the bylaws were void for uncertainty and could never have founded any lawful arrest and sued each of the 66 police constables, the chief constable and the Attorney-General for wrongful arrest and false imorisonment

Mr John Howell, QC and Mr Robin Tam for the first to 66th and 68th defendants; Mr Nigel Pleming, QC, Miss Heather Wil-liams and Mr Keir Starmer for the

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that two competing approaches to determine the valid ity of the bylaws were canvassed. Mr Pleming contended for Kruse v Johnson (1989) 2 QB 91) and Mr Howell for Fawcett Properties Ltd v Buckingham County Council ([1961] AC 636).

His Lordship found Mr Howell's argument more compelling but even applying the Kruse test he would have upheld the bylaws rather than condemn them for

uncertainty. The question whether the constables were acting tor-tiously in arresting the plaintiffs or whether instead they enjoyed the common law defence of lawful justification fell to be answered as at the time of the events complained of

At that time the bylaws were apparently valid and needed to be enforced in the public interest. It seemed to his Lordship one thing to accept, as he did, that a subsequent declaration as to their invalidity operated retrospectively to entitle a person convicted of their breach to have that conviction set aside; quite another to hold that it transformed what, judged at the time, was to be regarded as the lawful discharge of the constables' duty into actionably tortious

Thus, even if the bylaws were properly to be regarded as void for uncertainty, that would not deprive the constables of a defence of ful justification wherever they could show that they were acting in the reasonable belief that the plaintiffs were committing a bylaw

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIB-SON, concurring, said that the preliminary issues determined by i Were the bylaws defective on their face on the ground that the area to which they related was insufficiently identified, and, if so, were the bylaws invalid?

2 If the bylaws were invalid, were they incapable of providing a

lawful justification for the arrest and detention of the plaintiffs? Bylaws were a widely used form

of delegated legislation, a usual leature of which was that they prescribed what might or might not be done within a designated area and attached a penal sanction to any breach. They were to be found regulating, for example, the parking in streets in a local

If, therefore, the plaintiffs were right in their contention that the bylaws with which the case was concerned were uncertain and therefore invalid because they failed to provide adequate information as to the protected area, the principle thereby established would have wide

Mr Pleming naturally placed reliance on the judgment of the Divisional Court in Bugg where it was held that the bylaws were defective on their face because there was no description contained in the bylaws as to the boundary of the protected area.

In his Lordship's judgment, if the phrase "lands belonging to the secretary of state" in the specified ing to the secretary of state, as he believed, then the protected area had been described with certainty. secretary of state was unable to

the plan belonged to him and if the area was certain, it followed that the boundary was certain.

His Lordship therefore disagreed with the Divisional Court in Bugg in so far as their decision was based on the absence of a description of the boundary of the protected area in the bylaws. In arguing for the invalidity of the bylaws. Mr Pleming submitted

that the description "lands belong-

ing to the secretary of state" made

it impossible for anyone walking

in the area to know what land was referred to. His Lordship could not accept that as the right test.

Mr Pleming was constrained to
accept that the protected land
might properly be described in the
bylaws by reference to an Ordnance Survey plan or public reg-ister, but he submitted that the available to the public. In his

Lordship's judgment, provided the description identified the protected area by whatever means, the test of certainty was satisfied. On the further point whether the correct test for determining the certainty of a bylaw was that in (at p676) his Lordship unhesitat-ingly preferred the latter.

Manchester Police Authority

and Others, Exparte Century

A contract made between a police

authority and a company organising a vehicle recovery

scheme could be made unde

section 111(1) of the Local Govern-

ment Act 1972 provided the arrangement did not amount to a

delegation of statutory police pow-

ers. The authority was by nec-essary implication able to levy a

charge for police services in rela-

Mr Justice Popplewell so stated

in a reserved judgment in the

refusing an application for judicial

review by Century Motors (Farnworth) Ltd challenging the legality of a contract entered into

between Greater Manchester

Police Authority and Automobile

Association Developments Ltd (AAD) made on December 9, 1994.

The police authority was responsible, inter alia, for the recovery, removal, storage and disposal of

accident-damaged, abandoned or stolen motor vehicles in its area.

The Chief Constable of Greater

Manchester was responsible for the direction and control of the

AAD was an organisation

Motors (Farnworth) Ltd

Before Mr Justice Popplewell

Judgment May 8

tion to the scheme.

was, as Mr Pleming had submitted, that suggested in Kruse, namely, that it must contain duties of those who were to obey. the bylaws passed that test in any To his Lordship's mind it was

wrong in principle that the test of uncertainty should differ accord-ing to whether it applied to a bylaw on the one hand or to an enactment or delegated legislation other than a bylaw on the other. There was no dispute that if no

meaning could be given to a bylaw it was invalid, and that if there was any reasonable doubt whether an unauthorised person had entered would not be convicted of an offence under the bylaws.

But where a sensible meaning could be given, and there was no reasonable doubt that the unauthorised person was within the protected area, his Lordship could see not sufficient policy reasons that should lead the court to conclude that the bylaws should be struck down on the ground of uncertainty.

Lord Justice Schiemann delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor;

contractually liable to the police

authority for the organisation of a

The applicant was a garage

which was a recovery operator

involved under a previous rota

system for the recovery of vehicles

but was not one of the recovery

operators now subcontracted to

Mr Roger Henderson, OC and

Mr Lawrence West for the ap-

plicant; Mr Jeremy Sullivan, QC and Mr Murray Hunt for the

police authority and the chief constable: Mr David Elvin for

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL

said that there were effectively

1 Did the authority have power

express or implied to enter into the

There was plainly no power under the Police Act 1964. The

respondents contended that there

was a general power under section

III(I) of the 1972 Act. which section

indisputably applied to the

By section 4 of the Police Act

1964, as amended by section 4 of

the Police and Magistrates Courts Act 1994, it was the duty of the

authority to secure the mainte

nance of an efficient and effective

police force for its area and that

It was submitted that the nu-

authority.

principal contract with AAD?

three grounds of challenge:

ehicle recovery scheme.

L v Director of Public

W, GH and CH v DPP Before Lord Justice Otton and Mr Justice Newman

ously wrong as distinct from merely naughty it was not usually on that point. It was for the court to decide as a matter of fact whether It would be helpful if police

thority had statutory authority to

enter into any contract which was calculated to facilitate or was

conducive or incidental to the

discharge of its function of

icient and effective police force for

The word "functions" in section

III(I) had been defined in a

number of cases: see especially

Hazel v Hammersmith and Ful-

ham London Borough Council

His Lordship was wholly un-

persuaded that the fact that the

chief constable was to exercise

control and direction prevented the

authority from entering into the

contract in the present case. His

Lordship was equally satisfied that

the authority was empowered to

enter into the contract by reason of

2 Was it lawful for AAD to exercise

its functions pursuant to the

It was accepted that in the

absence of an express power, or of necessary implication, the contrac-

tual arrangements must not amount to delegation of the police

It was submitted that the

legate police powers to civilians

contractual scheme did not seek to

but to enlist civilian assistance to

enable the police to discharge those

special functions more efficiently

the area.

([1992] 2 AC ().

section III(1).

ng an adequate and eff-

(ii) T in respect of a finding of guilt by Nottingham Youth Court on April 5, 1995 of theft contrary to (iii) W, GH and CH in respect of

a finding of guilt by Hartlepool Youth Court on March 23, 1995 of assault occasioning actual bodily harm contrary to section 47 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861 and false imprisonment. The children ranged in age from 11 years 3 days to 13 years and 10 months at the time of the offences.

Mr Thomas Bailey for L; Mr Nicholas Paul for T; Mr Makolm Trousdale for W: Miss Jane Waugh for GH: Mr Alec Burns for CH; Mr Stephen Ashurst for the LORD JUSTICE OTTON sald

that the appeals all primarily concerned whether there was sufficient evidence as to the capacity of the appellant to rebut the following the decision of the House of Lords in C (a Minor) v Director of Public Prosecutions [1996] I AC

The House of Lords had held

that the presumption that a child

positive evidence that the child knew that his act was seriously wrong and evidence of acts amounting to the offence itself was not enough to rebut the

Five principles relevant to the present appeals emerged from the principal speech of Lord Lowry (at

The presumption of doli incapax could only be rebutted by clear positive evidence that a child knew that his act was seriously wrong; 2 Evidence of the commission of the acts amounting to the offence itself was not sufficient to rebut the

3 Interviews with the child were capable of providing the necessary insight into the mental function of the child from which inferences might be drawn to rebut the presumption:

4 The conduct of the child before or after the act might go to prove his guilty mind: 5 The older the child was and the

more obviously wrong the act, the easier it would generally be to prove guilty knowledge.

In the case of each of the appellants the defence was that there was no or insufficient evidence outside the offence upon which the court could find the presumption rebutted.

A second line of argument was advanced based on Lord Lowry's words (at p39D): "In order to obtain that kind of evidence, apart from anything the defendant may have said or done, the prosecution had to rely on interviewing the suspect or having him psychiatrically examined (two methods which depend on receiving cooperation) or on evidence from someone who knows the defendant well, such as a teacher, the involvement of whom adversely to

the child is unantactive." Counsel for each of the appellants submitted that in order to rebut the presumption the prosecution was required to call evidence specifically relating to the child's perception of the seriousness of hat he did. That was, evidence independent of the facts of the events and from an independent source such as a teacher or psychiatrist or one who knew the

spect well. Such evidence should have included an interview with the suspect and questions should have been put to him specifically to elicit responses which would have indicated his state of mind at the time of the offence and his appreciation of the seriousness of

His Lordship was unable to accept that interpretation of the passage. Lord Lowry was not laying down the principle that in every case brought before the youth court the prosecution was

thority would find it frequently impossible to obtain such evidence. Teachers would be placed in an invidious position even if they knew of the child's disposition to naughtiness or mischief

In simple straightforward cases an interview by a psychiatrist would introduce an undesirable prosecution process.

It was for the court to decide as a fact whether what the suspect did or said before or after the incident indicated his state of mind at the time of the offence and his appreciation of the seriousness of what he had done. That essential delegated to psychiatrists, teachers or other persons who knew the

In summary, in seeking to establish that a child knew that his actions were seriously wrong as distinct from merely naughty it was not usually necessary to lead

direct evidence on that point. In I. P. H. v Chief Constable of Mr Justice Woolf had suggested that a police officer when interviewing the suspect should incorporate some questions designed to probe the issue of whether he knew his acts were seriously wrong.

He proffered a direct question what you were doing was seriously wrong?" His Lordship considered that to be helpful guidance and not inconsistent with Lord Lowry's

His Lordship would further suggest that police officers who were engaged in dealing with child suspects should be trained and

questions.

The questions should not suggest the answer that the child might perceive the person in authority wished to hear. The language should be suited to the age and literacy of the suspect. The answer might well give the court, which was constituted of persons specially selected for the task, a useful insight, one way or the other, into the child's state of mind at the time of the offence and

his appreciation of the seriousness of what he had done. If that were adopted as the usual practice it would only be in exceptional cases that the necessity to call independent evidence would

With those principles and

Mr Justice Newman agreed.

the autosequent vote tomorrow for 2002 would be tighter but, Korea could substantially gain from executive members voting for it to emberrass the president, João Havelange — in effect, a poâtical vote in protest at the president's abuse of office. Unless the exec-

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meekly into line, we are here to witness. Today is contentious enough, but it is behind closed doors; tomorrow, these elected members, from backgrounds of privilege and from countries

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judgment when dismissing appeals by case stated brought by:

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Privatised vehicle recovery contract valid The principle set out in Rivers v Cutting (1982) | WLR 1146) en-abled the police to engage con-tractors to exercise their powers in

> provided the decision as to whether or not to exercise the power remained with the police. remained as the decision of the police, it was not a delegation of the statutory duty to use a contractor to implement that decision. His Lordship did not find the contract to be an illegal contract. It

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did however need some revision and some matters of detail spelt out more clearly. 3 Was the charge to AAD and the subcontractors illegal? Mr Henderson submitted that the authority had no power to levy

charges in respect of the scheme or to require or permit AAD to levy

charges on the operators or operators on the owners. It was accepted that there was no express provision entitling the authority to charge for the provision of police services in relation

Whether payment was legal depended on whether provision for a charge arose by necessary implication from the construction of section III(I) of the 1972 Act. In his Lordship's judgment there was. Solicitors: Foinette Quinn, Mil-

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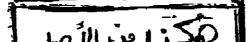
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observations in mind his Lordship approached each of the appeals. The appeals were dismissed. Solicitors: Farrell, Matthews &

Weir, Hammersmith for L. Warren & Allen, Nottingham for T; Smith & Graham, Hartlepool for W. GH and CH: Crown Prosecution Service. Special Casework



THERE are 21 voting members of Fils's executive committee. A clear majority, including all eight Europe-ars, the three Africans, two of the three Asians, and the member for Trinidad request co-hosting of the 2002 World Cup between Japan and South Koree, if this proposal by 14 of the 21 members is blocked, the aubsequent yote tomorow for

Whether they do it, or fall

or creed, must either show their opposition, or accept that the deals that will be signed on their behalf might well carry Havelange's pervasive influ-We are talking here of something central to the future

new millennium on unexplored ground. Asia as a World Cup venue is a magnificent prospect; unlike many of the committee, I have visited both South Korea and Japan. It takes no time to be convinced that each would carry the game into a new

and Lee Hong-koo, of South Korea, two very eloquent gentlemen, will lead the presentations. The vote, if it ignores

Kiichi Miyazawa, of Japan, real issues and comes down to football politics, could surprise

Cycling: Fabiano Fontanelli

won a sprint finish to take the 121-mile twelfth stage of the Giro d'Italia from Aulla to Loana yesterday. Davide Rebellin, another Italian, retained the pink jersey of overall leader for the sixth

Court of Appeal

Appreciating seriousness of offence 1995 of possession of a CS gas canister, contrary to section 5(1)(b)

of the Firearms Act 1968: T v DPP

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or after the incident indicated his offence and his appreciation of the officers were trained and enview a direct question suited to the age and literacy of the suspect. The useful insight into the child's state

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated in a reserved

Asprilla provides frustrating finish to Brown's build-up to Euro 96

Scotland find silver lining in defeat

Scotland .

FROM KEVIN MCCARRA IN MIAMI

THEY may have been alarmed by the lightning, drenched by the Florida storm and beaten 1-0 by Colombia, but Scotland were happy on Wednesday night. "Bener, ch?" a grinning Tom Boyd said as he made his way out of the locker room in Miami's Orange Bowl. It is always claimed that only the result matters, but that is not always

Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, was invited to be gloomy since his preparations for the European championship finals have been composed of three successive defeats - against Denmark, the United States and Colombia. He declined, however, and instead offered a waspish reply that alluded to England's build-up.

We chose three hard games away from home," Brown said, "If we had only wanted "If we had only wanted a victory, we would, with all due respect to them, have arranged a match with Hungary." The remark was typical of the contentment that lingered after a composed and dedicated performance in Miami.

This match will provide one more entry for the vast tome in which Scots record the defeats that they suppose to be undeserved. In this instance, however, the level of self-delusion was within safe limits. Colombia did become far more incisive when Faustino Asprilla and Carlos Valderrams were introduced for the second half, but Scotland were never

The co-ordination absent from the defence in recent games returned and Boyd, moved from left back to centre back, added solidity. Andy Goram, the Rangers goalkeeper, made some extraordinary saves in the first international that he has started in 17 months, but they were usually required by shots from distance and not because the defence had been breached.

His athleticism was particularly apparent in the twelfth when he touched

on to the bar. Brown selected a laconic form of praise for the goalkeeper's performance, saying: "That's normal for Andy." With no further matches remaining, it seems that Goram has supplanted Jim Leighton in the side for the European championship.

Colombia's winner, eight minutes from the end, allowed no scope for intervention by a goalkeeper. Valderrama's headed flick took the ball over Boyd and McKimmie's slight loss of footing on the greasy surface was enough to allow Asprilla to sprint clear and round Goram before finishing from an angle.

There were long stretches in the game, however, when it seemed unlikely that Scotland could lose a goal, and they were far more intent, especially in the first half, on taking the lead. The rejigging of the team restored Tosh McKinlay on the left of midfield, and his scrupulous use of the ball made the attacking play far more poised than it had been of late. McKinlay was to receive the honour of persis-tent fouling before the interval from Ortiz, who recognised the influence of the Celtic

player.
The clearest of Scotland's chances fell to McCoist, who had time to control the ball on his chest before shooting firmly from the edge of the six-yard box. His drive, however, was aimed at the centre of the target and Mondragon made a fine save with his legs.

McCoist is clearly short of full match-fitness and neither he nor John Spencer, his partner against Colombia, will be confident of starting the game with Holland on June 8. Scott Booth and Gordon Durie, both missing through injury on Wednesday, look a more likely pairing.

COLOMBIA (4-4-2): F Mondragon — N Onto.

(sub L Henera, 45mm), J Bermudez, G
Cassami (sub A Mendoze, 45), A Moreno —
E Maña (sub C Valdensema, 45), M Serna, F
Rincon, A Estrada (sub L Alvariz, 45) — I
Valenciano (sub V Arizcabal, 45). A
Valencia (sub F Aaprilla, 45)
BCOTLAND (3-5-2), A Goram (Pangers) —
G Caldenveod (Totanhem Hotiput), G
Hendry (Slackbum Rovers; sub): S



McCall, right, forces his way past Serna as Scotland put Colombia under pressure in the Orange Bowl

Fry is back in business at Peterborough

BY RUSSELL, KEMPSON

BARRY FRY, one of football's most ebullient characters, has bounced back into management — only three weeks after being dismissed by Birmingham City. Fry will be appointed at Peterborough United today, replacing Mick Halsall, and is also likely to take over ownership of the Nationwide Football League second division club.

"Peterborough has tremendous potential, but needs a kick up the wotsit; I aim to do that," Fry said. "I'll be sitting down to read the final papers at nine o'clock in the morning and, if everything is there that I want to be, I'll sign. I'm totally

committed to Peterborough and we've got a great future. I wouldn't be going there otherwise."

The deal to take over at London Road is believed to be worth about £1 million. Russell Phummer, a club spokesman, said: "I don't know where Barry will get the money from. I suppose he's made a lot in his previous jobs. As far as I know, there are no other backers involved."

Chelsea's season-ticket sales have seen a significant increase in the wake of the signing of Gianluca Vialli, the Italy forward. The tickets cost up to £654 each, but, within four days of Vialli joining from Juventus, Stamford Bridge had received 15 sackfuls of applications. "We should easily beat our previous record, which stands at 4,673," Eddie Barnett, the Chelsea sales manager, said.

Jim Smith, the Derby County manager, has signed Aljosa Asanovic, 30, the Croatia international midfield player. from Hajduk Split for almost £1 million. Smith denied that he was ready to sell Igor Stimac, his international team-mate, who has apparently been interesting Mapchener United.

The chances of England Under-21 reaching the final of the Toulon tournament suffered a significant blow when they lost 3-1 to Portugal Under-21 last night. Steve Slade, of Tottenham Hotspur, scored the England goal.

Williams shoots ahead in fine style

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN SOUTHERN PINES

KIM WILLIAMS, a statu-esque redhead domiciled in Nashville, Tennessee, was the early leader of the 51st US Women's Open Championship after a first round of 69. one under par, at Pine Needles yesterday.

Williams, a former Curtis Cup golfer, shot to infamy, more or less literally, a couple of years ago when a stray bullet hit her in the neck when she was out shopping. It was a freak accident: a man was practising target shooting some distance away, one of the bullets ricocheted and Williams was hit.

The 9mm bullet lodged in her neck, perilously close to an artery and was removed only last October when it started to cause extreme discomfort. "It's a very dangerous operation," Williams said, "but I felt better immediately." She has no more problems with her neck and now, appropriately sponsored by Bullet, the club manufacturers, is concentrating on golf again.

On a breezy day when par was going to be an outstand-ing score, Jenny Lidback, the Peruvian who won the Du-Maurier Classic, one of the women's major titles, last year, was on 70 alongside Kris Tschetter, of the United States, and Riko Higashio, 21, a Japanese amateur at college in Florida. Catriona Matthew, of Scotland, playing in her first US Open, and Trish Johnson. of England, were well in contention on 71.

Of the luminaries lumped together at the end of the field to satisfy television, Helen Alfredsson, of Sweden, was two under par after three holes and Laura Davies and Annika Sorenstam, the defending champion, started with birdie fours at the 1st.

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EARLY FIRST-RICUND LEADERS (LINING STARRS Unless stated): 58: K Williams. 70: J Lichook (Parul, K Tachetter, R Higeaine, Clapper). 71: P Johnson (GS), E Klem; C Matthew (GS), 72: M McGern, C Nillermer, Gwet, S Croce (ft), N Hervey, 73: J Plans, C Karr, B Nesson, S Redmen, T Kartyk, V Goetze, 74: J Camer, V Server, M Hattod, Lippern, M Hattod, Lippern, M Hattod, Lippern, M Hattod, M McNerner, K Planer, Grecory, P Jordan, E Dethilonar, K Planer, Grecory, P Jordan, E Dethilonar, K Planer, Grecory, P Jordan, E Dethilonar, C Planer, Grecory, P Jordan, E Dethilonar, C Planer, Grecory, P Jordan, E Dethilonary, P. Dethilonar, E. Dethilonar, C Planer, Grecory, P Jordan, E Dethilonary, P. Markey, E. Dethilonary, P. Lordan, P. Lo

Roe opts to reject **US** Open invitation

FROM MELWEBB IN HAMBURG

GIVEN the US Open's status as territory into which European golfers are rarely admitted. Mark Roe's withdrawal from the tournament next month comes as a surprise, even for one as accustomed to the unconventional as he is.

Roe's decision, which he announced yesterday after a 68 in the first round of the Deutsche Bank Open here, was made against the background of an unhappy season in 1995, when he finished 126th in the European money-list. The disintegration of his marriage led him to deep depression and found him one night sitting in the attic of his house with a loaded shotgun in his mouth and seriously considering whether

to pull the trigger. Yet, in the midst of the worst season of his career, he went to Shinnecock Hills in June and became the highestplaced European in the US Open, finishing tied for thir-teenth. That performance won him a place in the US Masters and a repeat invitation to the US Open, being played this year at Oakland

"It was a blg decision that I did not take lightly," Roe, 33, from Yorkshire, said, "but I felt that, while I thoroughly enjoyed playing in the US Open and the Masters, I must concentrate on getting my rariking back in Europe.

"I feel that I am just beginning to get my game back together, and the fact is that the time scale just isn't right this year. The English Open is a week before Oak-land Hills and the BMW International the week after, with the French Open following the BMW. I didn't want to miss any of them, but. if I was going to give the US Open a proper shot, I would have to go there on the Saturday. which would be the third round of the English Open."

Roe ended yesterday three shots behind Frank Nobilo, who led with a 65 that contained an eagle, five birdles and not a hint of an error.

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ATHLETICS

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 2 Chicago 0: Houston 7 Petisburgh 4; Montreel 9 San

THE WEST TIMES

RACING

Stokenberg (Aus.) bt J Novels and D Rife (C2) 6-1, 8-4; P Galbratin (US) and A Othorwisy (Russ) bt J Eagle and A Florant (Aus.) 1-6, 7-6, 6-4; L Martin (Setz) and P Vicner (C2) bt J Imitind (Aus.) and D Nargino (II) 6-4, 7-5, K Jones and C Winociust (US) bt M Kell (US) and P Nyborg (See) 3-0, ret J Frans (Arg.) and J A Contel (St) 6-3, 6-7, 7-5; H Jan Deands (Holl) and C Suis (C2) bt D Elector (See) and L Markowist (Hurt) 7-4, 7-8; P Kuhmen (Gen) and G Muller (SA) bt T Carbonell and F Rosp (Sp) 7-5, 7-6; J Botkmen and N Kulli (See) bt L Berthast and G Bastie (F1) 6-2, 6-3, M Philippousses and P Refres (Aus.) bt B MacPhie (US) and M Tebbur (Aus.) 6-4, 7-6; R Krajisek and M Costing (Holl) bt R Bergin (See) and 8 Cannon (US) 3-8, 7-6, 6-4; T Woodbridge and M Woodbride (Aus.) bt C Enemet (Aus.) Canrion (US) -5, 7-6, 6-4: 7 woodbrongs and M Woodfords (Rus) bit M Ondrusits and C Liftyet (SA) 6-3, 7-6; G Forget (Fr) and J Hassas (Savitz) bit W Black, Zim) sind J Weste (US) 5-6, 6-3, 6-3; O Deletire (Fr) and J Tarrango (US) bit H Laconse and Y Nosh (Fr) 7-4, 4-6, 6-2.

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SINGLES: Second round: S Appelmans (Bell b) R Dragomir (Rom) 6-2, 6-2, M Oremans (Holl) b) R Bobkova (Cz) 7-5, 6-1, £ Lithovitaria (Russ) b) M Sánchaz Lorenzo

(Sp) 8-3, 3-8, 9-7; A Coetase (SA) bit F Libbarn (t) 8-4, 6-1; K Datte (Japan) bit T Libbarn (t) 8-4, 6-1; K Datte (Japan) bit T Libbarn (t) 19-19; Suerez (Arg) 7-8, 8-3; G Przechnu (b) bit J Habard-Decupae (Fr) 8-7, 8-4, 7-8; A Grosernen (US) bit N Decity (Fr) 8-3, 8-3; P Langrove (Cz) bit P Karnetze (Hol) 8-2, 4-8, 6-1; C Martinez (So) bit R Zabakowa (Skowstee) 8-3, 7-5, 1 Malpoli (Cor) bit R Grande (t) 6-3, 7-8, Y Bassule (finch) bit L Councis (Bel) 7-5, 8-2; L Devember (US) bit Sung-hee Park (Si Kori 8-1, 8-2; Si Gerti (Gar) bit K Boogert (Hol) 6-2, 6-4; L Wald (US) bit S Cecchini (t) 6-7, 7-5, 8-2; M J Fermandez (US) bit H Nagyova (Sicroetae) 6-2, 6-4; G L Garces (Sc) bit K Hagyova (Sicroetae) 6-2, 6-4; G L Garces (Sc) bit K Hagyova (Sicroetae) 6-2, 6-4; G L Garces (Sc) bit K Hagyovata (Lapan) 8-1, 6-0; N Zwennya (Balo) bit A Berra-Zenetz (ti) 6-3, 6-3.

DOUBLES: First round: G Fernandez (US) and N Zeereva (Belo) bit K-A Guse (Aus) and P Hy-Boutas: (Car) 6-0, 6-2, L Paymons (US) and R Stubes (Aus) bit C Benday and K Godnidge (Aus) 6-1, 6-2, K M Lindstoem and M Strandaurd (See) bit M Grzybowska and A Oleza (Poil 3-7, 6-3, 7-5; E Makarova and E Manokova. (Russ) bit K Booger (Holf) and N Braditia (Aus) 6-2, 6-1; Sung-hee Park (S Kox) and Shi-Ting Wang (Tairent) bit E Calleris and L Courbols (Bel) 7-6, 8-2, R McCuttlers and L Plemming (Aus) bit K Kachwendt (Ger) and R Simpson (Carr)

Hampshire 95 and 248 (8 D Udal 59; I Bishop 5-55); Somerset 119 and 224-4 (K.A. Parsons 91 nat out, M. B. Trescottinch, 76) Somerset won by 6 wids Southgate: Essex 333-9 dec (P. H. Staer 118, B. J. Hystor 179) and 22-3 dec (S.D. Peters 112 not out, E.Wison 100 not out, Mindlean 2005 dec (J.E. Harrison 112, P.E. Wildlings 67 no out, K. P. Duch 54) and 108-4 Match drawn.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Pi-nal day of two: Certisle: Cumberland 228-6 dec (Mingham 69, S.M. Dutton 50 not out) and second immings fortested: Heritordshires has intrings torfested and 200-8 (R.S. Jerome 55 not out) Masch drawn. Seasonassiact: Suffolk 94 and 293-9 dec (K.M. Wijesunya 65, P. J. Caley 60; Buckanghamshire 170, and 218-4 (M.J. Roberto 89) Buckangham-shire won his Gwiss.

THE PARKS: Oxford University 1949 dec and 55-4: MCC 231 (M Jeh 71 not out)

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: 12th stage: [195lem Aulia to Loano]: 1, F Fontanelli (ft. Maglificio MG) für 38mm 44sec; 2, G Missaglia (ft. Ceramothe Panarie), 3, F Guid (ft. Scrigno Blue Storm); 4, D Zenette (ft. AKI) all same time, 5, D Cassarotto (ft. Scrigno Blue Storm); 4, D Zenette (ft. AKI) all same time, 5, D Cassarotto (ft. Scrigno Blue Storm) at 2sec; 5, M Plocoli (ft. Brescalia); 3, Overalli positions: 1, D Rebellin (ft. Team-Polit) 52/08/07; 2, P Tontov (ft.ss. Panarie) at 4sec; 3, S Faustim (ft. AKI) 8; 4, E Zema (ft. Ceneral); 13, 5, F Cassagrande (ft. Saeco); 16; 6, L Pepoli (ft. Refin) same time.

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shae won by 6 wids.

4-6, 8-4, 8-0M Hingle (Switz) and H Sulcove (Cz) bt P Schwatz (Austria) and K Suderikova (Cz) bt P Schwatz (Austria) and K Suderikova (Schwatkie) 6-1, 8-1; A Cartsson (Swe) and A Temeswari (Hum) bt D Krajsoniczwa (Shouking and I Nemtockowe (Cz) 5-4, 6-3; A Frazier and K Po (US) bt M Westocki Witneyer and T Writtinger Jones (US) 3-8, 6-3, 6-4; M McGadh (US) and L Neilland (Lui) bt S Appelmans (Bell and M Oremans (Hol) 6-2, 8-4; L Ghrand-Rubbi and S Pittowsto (Pi) bt C Papaciaki (Gr) and E Taumtows (Us) 6-3, 7-5; A Fusie (F) and M Paz (Arg) bt P Boblows (Cz) and D Gratherr (US) 6-4, 6-2, 14-4, 15, 6-4; A Coetzer (Sa) and S Schutz-McGadh (So) bt M Koustael (Hol) and V Laise (GS) 6-1, 6-2; A Coetzer (SA) and B Schutz-McGadh (Hol) bt F Kenstre (Hol) and V Laise (GS) 6-1, 6-2; A Coetzer (SA) and B Schutz-McGadh (Hol) bt F Kenstre (Hol) and V Laise (GS) 6-1, 6-2; A Coetzer (SA) and N Kijmutz (Japan) bt P Kenstre (Hol) and T Kirzen (Slovenie; 6-1, 4-6, 6-7; R Grande (II) and E Lichovisewa (Pluss) bt L Morstako and P Suzaez (Arg) 1-1, 4-6, 6-0; Fi Grande (II) and E Lithovisews (Russ) at L. Mortabio and P Susara; (Arg) 1-0, nit, A Dechaume and S Testud (Fr) bi N Dechy and A Maureamo (Fr) 6-3, 6-1; Y Basufa (Indo) and C Via (Holl) bi R Dragoma (Rom) and A Grossman (LIS) 6-4, 6-1; E Smylle (Aus) and L Wild (LIS) bi L. Golenna (II) and I Spiries (Porn) 4-5, 6-3, 6-4; K Ouemroc-Eagle and A-G Stott (Fr) bi N Lettiere and C Moratir (LIS) 8-3, 6-2 A Dechaume-Balleret and S Testud (Fr) bi N Dacty and A Maurelmo (Fr) 6-3, 6-1

hear about your partner's suits. This is where the take-out double comes into its own.

a suit, there is not much point in doubling him for penalties. First, it would be extremely rare to have a hand with seven defensive tricks against his one-level contract and, second, even

So, what does a double of a one-level opening bid in a suit show? It shows one of two hand-types:

(a)Opening bid values with shortage in the suit opened (at most a doubleton) and support (at least three cards) for the other three suits. It should deny a five-card major that could be bid at the one

(b)A hand that is too strong for any other action, perhaps a balanced hand of 19 or more points, or a distributional hand with 18 or more points or the equivalent, too strong for an

Consider the following hands after a One Heart opening:

(f) #KJ54 V6 #A 1064 #KJ42 (II) 4KJ54 464 4A105

Hand (i) is a perfect minimum take-out double. Partner can bid any of the three remaining suits and you will be assured of an eight-card fit. Hand (ii) is not quite so suitable but still fits into our definition above.

(期) + KJ543. ∔Α1064 ♦ΚJ4

support for the three other suits; nevertheless, a One Spade overcall is preferable to a double. This is because a double is likely to miss a 5-3 spade fit. On Hand (iv), where the long suit is a minor, a double is more appropriate. This is because a better suit is needed for a two-level overcall and Four of a major is a more likely game than Five of a minor.

reversed, a take-out double would be clear. As it is, the best option is a One Spade overcall, even though you have only a four-card suit. Next week we will look at some hands that fall into category (b)

DANDIACAL

a. Dandyish

b. Divisible by twelve c. A dandelion diuretic

EGGER a. A hen b. A moth c. A Swiss mountain

c. Basque

The state of the s

a. A Ganges bargee b. Somebody who is dragged c. A medicinal sugar plum

EUSKARIAN a. A vitriolic Early Father b. An Armenian sect

Answers on page 42



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS COURSEPONDENT

Violent play

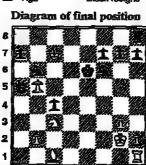
After their free day in Seville, the players returned to battle with renewed zest and vigour. The games from the seventh round exhibited an extraordinary level of violence for such an elite event, where caution and exaggerated respect for the opponent might have been

Ivanchuk tore into Shirov with an unusual line of the Slav Queen's Gambit, while Gelfand scored yet another victory with the gambit variation which is now becoming the main line of the Grunfeld

expected as the order of the

White: Vassily Ivanchuk Black: Alexei Shirov

Seville, May 1996 Slav Defence e4 exd5 Rxe5 dxe6 Qd6 Bc6+ Qxc6+ Qxc6+ Qc7+ Kg2



Black: Gata Kamsky Seville, May 1996 Grunfeld Defence 04

White: Boris Gelfand

cod6 bac3 Bg7 NI3 Bd2 0-0 Bg4 h6 Rob7 Cos RedS Qc1 Oxc1 Nc6 Pxc1 Nue2+ Pold8 Rcc7 Ki1

d8

Pbd7

Kxe2 Rxb8

RIG

Rx(5

Rf7+

40 Kd3

42 h3

30 Rvg6+ 31 Rf6 35 Rf7-1 36 Ra7 37 Bxa7 38 Bd4

44 Bc5 Bb2 45 e6+ Black resions RESULTS: Seventh round: No

chuk bt Shirov; Kramanik drew with Illescas; Polgar lost to Kasperov; Topalov drew with Anand; Gelfand bt Kamsky, SCORES (after seven rounds): 1, Topalov 5; equal 2, Anand and Kramnik 4½; equal 4, Kasparov and Gelfand 4; 6, Illescas 3½; 7, vanchuk 3; 8, Kamsky 2½; equal 9 Shirov and Polgar 2.

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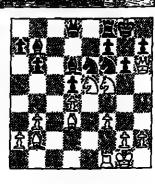
By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Kurajica — Karpov, Tilburg, 1994. How did White gain a decisive

beautiful combination?

Solution on page 42

material advantage with a



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BATH: Open tournament: Man: Pairs
Fourth maint & Gollchools and B Shadhad
bi R Hennessey and S Hurt 28-8, R Tuney
and M Nurtal bit R Smith and D Parslow 2915; R Weston and D Lawrence bit I and R
Francis 16-15; J Risdele and J Cox bit A
Shoppard and R Issaes 23-12; D
Southcombe and M Perrep bit N Grenntile
and C Keedwell 16-12; W Goodfield and W
Tenner bit M and C Tatloot 19-13; J Witherow
and J Mayell bit B Dolling and J Swenburne
17-12; A and A Colebrook bit J Withers and
M Cox 18-17; Womers: Singiles: Quarterfinels: J Sulfivan bit N Rowden 21-6, J Shaw
bit W Benneb 21-6; J Sham bit S Hencock 218; A Bittypess bit V Bodfiesa 21-8. Mitted
pelas: Fourth round: D and J Parslow bit L
Peli and G Howse 18-15; G Whale and G
Tombs bit D and P Albrid, 16-10; J Walmsley
and M Litterland bit T Cooper and C Soloy
13-12; M and E Talbot w o J and B Mayell
son; J Bale and P Devision bit M Currnins
and M Prose 15-13, J and W Lamb bit E and
F Watts 18-13; J and K Perry bit A end E
Loyner 18-17; B Smith and B Guillage bit B
Hay and P Berfon 18-15

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Northland v Scotland XV

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GUT KADEN, Hemburg: Deutsche Berk Open: First-round scores (GB and ire unless stated) 65: F. Nobio (NZ) 65: L. Westwood, B. Longer (Ger), F. Bossal, J. Sandelen (Swe), R. Allenby (Aus.), O Rojethn (Non, P. Nyman (Swe), 67: J Coceres (Arg), N. Fasth (Swe), M. Jonzon (Swe), W. Filey (Aus.), D. Chopea (Swe), E. Giraud (Fr), M.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

RUGBY LEAGUE Kick-off 7.30 Britannic Assurance championship 11.0. second day of lour Stones Super League 104 overs molimum TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent v Sussex Castlelord v Warmoton First division OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Gloucestershire LORD'S: Middlesex v Yorkshire Rochdaia v Widnes Second division

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Labridge CC Middlesex v Minor Counties.
OTHER MATCH: International XI v St EQUESTRUMISMS Nations Cup (at Hids RALLYING: Scottish

York v Prescot .

SPEEDWAY: Premier Laegue (7.30): Beile Viue v Swindon; Peterborough v Mitdlesbrough. Speedway Star Copie second round, second leg: Hull v Long Eaton. Conference Leegue: Avena Essex v Strindhotten (7.0)

Machanzie, 88: G Turmer (NZ), M-A Jimeinez (Spi), F Roce (Sp), F Velera (Sp), C Half, S Ames (Trinh, P Belear, T Price (Aus), M Roc, J Scence, G Chalmer, Kals), M Marin (Sp), P McGinley, I Felix (Sp), 88: R McFarlane, D Karlsson (Swe), M Moutand, P Fultra (Swe), M Scallacher, D Gillord, P Broadhurst, P Machell, R Wieseels (SA), A Forsbrand (Swe), M Cambbell (NZ), J Priero (Sp), G Clark, A Lebour, (Fr), J Guery (Fr), G Evans, D Cooper, A Bosseri (Switz), M Welch, 70: F Lindgren (Swe), S Turninon (Den), S Cage, M Davis, R Durmannol, S Brown, S Ballesteroe (Sp), D Clarke, D Hospital (Sp), K Eriksson (Swe), M McMulty (2m), J Payne, S McMaster, G Ort, T Blom (Den), 71: E Strisski (Ger), R Dinsclele, R Burns, J Haeggman (Swe), S Lune (Sp), A Hunter, D Houell, M Hallberg (Swe), P Haugstud (Nort, P Alfleck, A Cajea (Ger), E Rometo Arg), J Rivero (Sp), D Culsice (Switz), M Wills, C Montigomene, P Lawne, S Redd, I Pyman, T Gogele (Ger), R Claydon 72: D Carter, R Kartsson (Swe), R Russeal, P Heddiom (Swe), F Howley, P Golding, R Coles, M Turnicitif, I Woosman, R Ratterly.

BreseANE Four-mation tournement Australia 4 India 3; South Africa 2, New Zisland 2

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-offs: Final: Western Conference: Colorado 4 Demoit 1 (Colorado wiris best-of-seven sense 4.2 and will face Pilitaburgh or Florida in Stanley Cup final).

SQUASH

PETALING JAYA, Mulaysia: World Cup: Third qualifying round: Pool A: Australia 3 Singapore 0: German 3 Hong Kong 0 Pool B: England 3 Finiand 0 (M Chaloner bit J Raumolin 9-8, 9-1, 9-2, M Caims bit 0 Poutlainen 9-2, 9-3, 9-3, Suzzanne Honner bit Ka Passwirta 9-3, 9-4, 9-4); Holland 2 Mataysia 1: Pool C: New Zestand 3 Brazil 0; South Ainca 2 Sweden 1: Pool C: Weles 2 Italy 1 (M Benjamin bit M Pareccin 9-7, 9-3, 9-5, Katarra Hogen lost to Tereas Berestord 3-9, 3-9, 6-9, D Evans bit F Busi 9-7, 9-6, 9-5); Egypt 2 Canada 1.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE By Robert Sherhan, bridge correspondent

Over the past few weeks in refresher articles, I have considered

various types of overcalis; but sometimes you want to bid on a

hand where no overcall is suitable. You may have the values to

enter the auction, but have no good suit to bid. You would rather

When your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one of if you did, the opponents would probably find a better spot elsewhere. Thus, it is logical to play a double of right-hand opponent's one-level opening as being artificial. All over the bridge world, the double is played as take-out, asking partner to

(W) ±KJ4 ▼6 ◆A 1064 •KJ543

Hand (iii) has shortage in the suit opened and at least three-card

(v) ±J652 ¥KJ5

Hand (v) has too many values in hearts for a minimum take-out double. It is better to pass as your hand is more suitable for defending. Hand (vi) looks worth a bid and, with the red suits

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

> By Philip Howard DRAGEE

Reeve to the fore as bitter rivals resume hostilities

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

NORTHAMPTON (first day covering. It proved insignifi-of four: Warwickshire won cant, but, later, Clarkson toss): Warwickshire, with eight first-innings wickets standing, are 280 runs behind Northamptonshire

THERE is enmity between these sides that even Roses rivalry can no longer equal, and this was as combustible a day's cricket as the championship will produce all summer. The hostility was tangible, never more so than during an unpleasant exchange in which the umpires had to intervene as David Capel brandished his bat at Dermot Reeve and Keith Piper after protesting

about their distracting chat. It was an exacting day for Trevor Jesty and Tony Clarkson, two inexperienced umpires. Before play, they reported to the Test and County Cricket Board their concerns about a damp patch on uct of a hole in the plastic

warned Shaun Pollock for exceeding his quota of bounc-ers during a fiery post-lunch spell that also brought him

a pitch promising plenty to the quicker bowlers.

Warren, Capel and Curran batted with character for Northamptonshire and Pollock bowled fast and well. The most effective bowling came from Reeve, his insidious medium-pace claiming five wickets for 37, which made it more of a pity that he should

three for 4i. He removed Wright in his first over, Cunliffe in his fifth and came

back to claim the valuable

wicket of Symonds, who helped Alleyne to fashion a

Symonds scored 38 and has

not reached 50 against a county attack in 12 innings

since making 67 in his first

outing of the season. Yester-day his concentration failed

him in the first over after tea.

when he carved loosely at a

ball outside off stump and

against the obduracy of Rus-

sell, who held Watkinson and

Keedy at a bay with aplomb,

despite signs of early turn for

the spin bowlers. He and

Alleyne have so far put on 59.

batsmen, perhaps with mem-

ories of their cup failures at

the ground on Tuesday fresh

in their minds, had made

themselves much easier prey.

Gloucestershire's earlier

Lancashire then came up

was caught at the wicket.

recovery with a stand of 53.

Alleyne stands firm to frustrate Lancashire

BY SIMON WILDE

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire have scored 157 for five wickets against Lancashìre

LANCASHIRE held high hopes of taking this game by the scruff of the neck when they had Gloucestershire 35 for four on the pitch used earlier in the week for the one day international, but they spent the rest of the day frustratedly tackling a fine rearguard action.

Mark Alleyne was the biggest thorn in their side, batting three hours for an unbeaten 49, his highest championship score of the season, and Lancashire will rue his two escapes. Crawley responded brilliantly at short leg to a full-blooded stroke only to juggle futilely with the ball; the other was a straightforward miss in the slips by

Elworthy off Chappie. Chapple was the pick of the Lancashire bowlers and returned the best figures of

Goodwill on the field was in short supply throughout, a legacy of regular provocative contests between these neighbours during the past few years, climaxing in the monumental game at Edgbaston last June, which Northamp-tonshire won by seven runs. They have a good chance of winning this one, too, after making a competitive total on

> Ambrose in the corresponding fixture six years ago, since when relations between the sides have remained frosty. Ambrose, reprimanded by his club on that occasion, may now have a decisive influence on the rematch, for he found trampoline bounce last evening to dismiss Wasim Khan first ball, and Dominic Ostler.

Wasim is playing in place of Nick Knight, whose cracked finger was still paining him yesterday. Knight hopes to play in the Sunday League.

become embroiled in a public

Its prompt appeared to be

remarks made by Piper, the wicketkeeper, who had twice postured theatrically after re-

jected appeals. Capel strode

down the pitch to complain to

umpire Jesty, whereupon Reeve, from slip, and Piper, advanced towards him. As the

umpires sought to calm tempers, Capel pointed his bat at both players.

Capel refused to elaborate

on the incident, but Jesty later

explained: "There was a lot of

hot air and we called them

together and told them to be

quiet and get on with the

game. There was a bit of chat

between the captain [Reevel

and the batsman and the

It was Reeve who found

himself on the receiving end of

keeper tried to join in."

R Montgamerie a Reeve b Politick
J Warren b Politick
J Warren b Politick
J Balley a Molan b Reeve
B Loye a Smell b Politick
J Capel a Celler b Walch
M Gurma a Piper b Reeve
Secharity a Biner in Reeve

WARWICKSHIPE Fini Invige Moles not out G Khan c Warren b Ambrose P Outler c Wenen b Ambrose



Hussain makes his point

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

Sussex were bowled out by

4om for 142, due as much to

their own shortcomings as to

Kent's lively and accurate seam attack in conditions

which required resolute,

Not necessarily as forth-

right, perhaps, as that of Matthew Fleming, who put but to ball to such effect that

he scored 41 from 45 balls to

give Kent a rip-roaring start.

Ward and Hooper were no

slouches, either. Hooper hit

Salisbury for a straight six

sitting pretty. The score at the

forthright batting.

Drakes.

NOT even Nasser Hussain's blazing ambition to force his way back into the England side, or the sponsor's lure of £7,500 to any county who can beat the touring teams, could prevent another Tetley Challenge match from finishing in a disappointing draw at

Hussain knew that he needed something spectacular before the side for the first Test is picked this weekend, and he did his best to provide

round his legs sweeping at Hirwani, Essex called off their attempt to score 275 to win to a minimum of 51 overs. concerned, the most meaningful cricket had come in the morning when Jadeja, who will open the batting in place

close, 200 for six, with Hooper sion into Kent saw them repelled with a bloody nose, (72) and Ward (51) both out. until they redressed the bak was rather less impressive ance in the day's closing overs at Tunbridge Wells through the bowling of Law and

Sherwin Campbell, Dur-ham's West Indies opener, greeted the belated arrival of ummer with his first century for the county as they reached 333 for five at Trent Bridge. Of greater consequence for the long-term health of Durham cricket may have been Darren Blenkiron's second hundred

in successive innings. Graeme Hick's 87th firstclass century, made against Hampshire at New Road, was also one of his slowest. It took him 512 hours as he led a recovery from six for two.

Matthew Maynard, the Glamorgan captain, has been fined and issued with a severe reprimand by the county's cricket committee after his comments on the umpiring of the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final defeat by

Derby's seam attack picked apart by Thorpe

Derbyshire won toss): Surrey have scored 382 for seven wickets against Derbyshire

FOR Graham Thorpe, batting yesterday was a matter of picking out a boundary board and hitting it. In making an unbeaten 158 off 211 balls, an innings that included 25 fours. he really did play that well. Put in by Dean Jones, a decision that seemed to lack forethought, Surrey made a total that also included Alec Stewart's first championship half-century of the season and an innings of rich promise by

Jones fielded five fast or fastish bowlers, entrusting himself to provide such spin as would be needed. The ball hardly deviated all day. The pitch was firm, the weather clammy. There would have been a few bowlers not enamoured with their captain by the

Thorpe's three first-class centuries have come in seven innings this season. It is not enough to bring him, in this era of Benson and Hedges matches and four-day cricket, a thousand runs before the end of May, but it is an achievement. The impression that he gave yesterday was that he knew enough about Cork to tell when the short ball was coming — and he was

Cork did soon have Darren Bicknell caught at gully, but there was no containing Stew-

THE OVAL (first day of four, art. His form this season contrasts sharply with that of Thorpe in that his highest first-class score had been no more than 33, but now there was an assurance about his cover driving that brought him eight fours. There was also an unnecessary dismissal: he flat-batted a short ball from Wells straight to cover

Tur

Thorpe's driving was crisp, selective and highly effective. He was helped by Cork retiring with a muscle spasm in the afternoon and some loose off spin, if it can be socalled, from Jones. After Stewart had gone and Brown was caught at the second attempt by Krikken standing up to Wells, Hollioake partnered Thorpe as pleasingly as Butcher had earlier. His innings of 72 bespoke considerable

SECRETICAL

SURREY: First Immige Bicknell c Harris 5 Cork Butcher Ibw b Cork J Stement c Akford b Wells Thorpe not out Thorpe not out Brown c Krikken b Wells Hollodes e Krikken b Akford Lews c Rollins b Cork Julian b Malcolm J Kersey not out Total (7 wids, 104 overs) 382

M P Bicknell and R M Pearson to bat.

FALL OF WCKETS: 1-11, 2-87, 3-147, 4-171, 5-322, 6-341, 7-372.

BOMABAG Matcolm 25-4-95-1; Cark 23-7-64-3; Hents 15-2-57-0; Aidred 18-2-80-1; Wells 17-3-48-2, James 5-0-27-0 Weis 17-3-48-2, Jones 6-27-0
DERBYSHRE: KJ Barnett, A S Rollins, CJ
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There's probably one somewhere around the Fuggles Brewery. But nobody's found it yet.



ESTE IDA ESSE ORIEBOARDIS Tetley challenge series Ensex v Ludians CHELMSFORD (trust day of three): Essentially with the kindless

INDIANS: First Innings 320 for 8 dec (V Rethore 95, S R Tendulier 74, S Ganguly 31; R C leani 4 for 37).

fR Dravict et Rollins b Childs "S R Tendulker c Irani b Andrew

Extras (to 1, no 4) Total (6 wide deci FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-128, 3-178, 4-175, 5-188, 6-189, BOWLING: Covern 14-4-46-0; Andrew 17-5-44-1; Such 5-0-25-1; Childs 23-3-99-4; Ireni 4-0-9-0.

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Law 153, P J Prichard 53].

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P J Prichard c and b Hirwani
A P Cover not out
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Ednas (b 8, b 1)

Umpires: D R Shepherd and H D Bird. BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Derby: Notinghamahira 231-8 (R T Batas 85), Derbyshira 108, Nottinghamahira won by 123 runs.

Going: good, good to firm at places

220 (\$7 207)(d) 1, Deathing Flocksville (A. MacKey, 8-1); 2, Swiss Couet (10-1); 3, Pandiculation (8-1). Plan For Profit 3-1 Ser. 15 ren. Hd, 11 M. Chennon. Tolar (\$7.00; 52.00, 58.20, 52.10 DF; \$788.40. This \$212.20. CSF; \$90.98.

3.20 (7 214/d) 1, Contract Bridge (N Vadoy, 8-1); 2, Sarathanier (13-8 las); 2, Solin Jacob (10-1), 11 cm. 2, M. C. Thomton Toler £9.00; 27.40; £1.40; £2.90. DF: 28.00. Titor £28.00. CSF: £20.92. Instant £127.02.

3.50 (77 214)cl) 1, Magle Carousel (J Ferrang, 5-1); 2, Hulm (8-11 fee); 3, Dimelya (7-4), 4 ran. 191, 3l, M Johnston Toke (55.80, OP; 34.50; CSP; 25.10.

Tota: 25.20. DF: 34.50. CSF: 25.10.
4.20 (80 1, Aquado (J. Oulms, 10-1); 2, Call.
To The Bar (8-2); 3, Tropical Beach (8-1); 5, Tropical Beach (8-1); 5, Tropical Beach (8-1); 5, Tota: 210.00, 22.20, 22.10, 25.30.
DF: 232.90. Titor 257.30. CSF: 258.05.
4.50 (10) of 25.00 1, Read Expression (A. Cultanas, 9-4 say; 2, HuBartis, 9-2); 3, Campaspa (7-2) 8 ran. NR. Great Oration.
3, 3, Max M Reveloy, Tota: 22.70; 21.10; 23.20, 21.50. DF: 25.80. Titor: 25.20. CSF: 21.50. Tota: 25.20. CSF: 21.50. Tota: 25.20. CSF: 21.50. CSF: 21.50. DF: 25.30. Titor: 25.20. CSF: 21.50. CSF: 21.50. DF: 25.30. Titor: 25.30. CSF: 25.50. Titor: 25.20. CSF: 21.50. DF: 25.50. Titor: 2

Golog: good, good to flore in places

2.10 (57 213/c) 1, Delmery Denser (8 Doylt 2-1): 2, Newscol Matory (8-1 lev); 3, Chain Reaction (12-1) 8 am 4, 154 8 Meetins (70ir 53 40; 12.0, 12.00, 17.50 DF 34 50 CSF 58 72

2.40 (8t 209yd) 1, Farmost (G Duffield, 4-6 lav); 2, Mr. Nevermind (25-1); 3, Crystal Heights (20-1) 10 ran. 5, 161, M Prescott.

Britannie Assurance Kent v Sussex TUNERIDGE WELLS (first day of lour, Suggest won about: Kent, with four first-

BLESEX: First Innings ID K Salisbury c Homore b Homore b Plenning V C Draives b Preston
P W Jervis c and b McCague
E S H Gliddins not out
Borne (bb 4, nb 10)
Total (88.2 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-38, 3-48, 4-55, 5-58, 6-59, 7-100, 8-124, 9-134. BOWLING: McCague 12.2-9-38-2; Philips 12-9-22-1; Preston 14-2-46-3; Eathern 16-12-16-3; Parel 3-0-5-0; Fleming 6-1-13-1.

KIBIT: First Innings

"IS A Mersh, M J McCague, M M Patel and B J Philips to bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-68, 2-61, 3-188, 4-200, 5-200, 6-200.

Bonus points: Kent 5 Sussex 2.

Umpires: G i Burgees and K E Painter

3.40 (1m 2f 199;cf) 1, Colour Courseller (C Adentson, 20-1): 2, Wesch Me Go (8-2): 3, Beg Of Notice (14-2): 15 cen. NFS Nesser 3, shd. R. Power. Tols. 231.70; 27 00, 12 10, 22-50. DF: 249;90 Tim: £147.20 CSF. £105.60. N

Uttoxeter

Going: good to agit

Clongs groun as any 2200 (2m 44 110 of 10 fel) 1, All On (1) Minstey, 11-21: 2, Permandiga Perce (5-2); 3, Snowy Partid (0-4 fey), 8 rm. NPC Cheer's Being, 14, 153. J Heistendon, Tole 27 00: £100, £110, £1.10. DF: £270. Time £10.00. CSP. £18.44.

E1 (10 UP: State II in a manufacture (15 III) 220 (Sm 37 ct) 1, Lamon's MB (15 Bidgester, 1-2 law); 2, Fambridge (5-1); 3, Tenbir (10-1); 7 ran. Dist. 201 M Pipe. Tour (15-5); 12:00; 27:81. UP: 12:10 CSP (4.11).

\$.00 (2m hole) 1, Dejrano (C Livenilya, 7-2 lar); 2, Poly American (8-1); 3, Torrys Gill (8-1), 12 ran 2, 41 N Tevatorn-Device, Total 6-50: 61 90, 63 70, 61,70 DF 062,00 Teles 10-50: 053 125 3 Totals 2005 55

3.30 (2m3/ch) 1, Musicors (Fi Durwoody, 2-1 9-law), 2, Howell (5-1); 3, Counterbalance (4-1), Tough Deal 2-1 (-law, 5 can 11), 34, P

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of lour; Gloucestership won local; Gloucester-men from scored 157 for Ive wiches against Lancastine GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Irrings

Glovnestershire

J Whight low b Chapple J Trainor c Hegg b Sworthy J Curaffic b Chapple # (to 6, nb 2) ... Total (5 wids, 67 oversi MCJ Ball, RP Davis, AM Smith and "CA

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-12, 3-35, 4-35, 5-35, BOWLING: Mertin 14-7-20-1; Chappie 17-7-41-3; Electry 15-2-48-1; Waldrison 13-3-32-0; Keady 6-4-10-0.

L'ANCASHIRE M A Atherton, N J Speak, J P Cravley, N H Fathrother, G D Lloyd, *M Watenson, †W K Hogg, S Electrity, G Chapple, P J Martin, G Keedy.
Bonus points: Lancashire 2 Gloucce-territire 0.

Durkam TRENT BRIDGE (hist day of four, Not-lingfarmshire won tous): Durham have scored 333 for the wickets against DURHAL! Plet Indices

S.L. Campbell & Noon & Caline "M. A. Roseberry & Alford & Evens J.E. Morris & Johnson & Evens Blenkiron run out sinbridge b Pick " P D Collingwood not cult M M Betts not cult Extras (to 19, no 4)

Hobbs. Tota: \$2.10; \$1.80, \$2.80, DF: \$8.70.

Worcesternhire v Hampshire

NOFCESTER (Invedey of four, Herrpatian won toss): Worosstershire have scored 254 for five wickets against Herropatine WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

S.P. Lampit, P.J. Newport, R.K. Mingworth and A. Riveher to bet

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4,2-6, 3-70, 4-229, 5-150) BOWLING: Conner 22-9-33-1; Milbum 19-9-32-1; Stephenson 10-4-31-0; Bowli 16-4-38-1; Udal 20-2-71-1; James 15-3-31-1; Whiteler 4-0-13-0.

HAMPSHIPE: J.S. Laney, "J.P. Stephen-son, R.A. Smith, K.D. Jarries, P.R. Whiteler, G.W. White, †A.N. Aymes, S.D. Udal, C.A. Connor, S.M. Wilburn, J.N.B. Bowli,

4.00 (3m 110xd holis) 1, Newton Point (R Johnson, 11-4 (sp.); 2, Rapip (8-1); 3, Elia Rag (13-2, 9 nn.) NR: Sazuel Four, 22, nk. D Nizhuson. Toir: 53,70; E1 70, £4.20, £1.80. DF: £24.70. Trior. £63.50. CSF- £24.00 Triosat; £122.62.

5.00 (3m flet) 1, General (D Welet, 11-3); 2, Cherry Dee (14-1); 3, Rum Customer (20-1). Nitsel 13-8 law. 16 san 4, 6, N Twiston-Davise Tote: 28.60; 27 Do. C3.70, CS.10, OF. ESS.50, Trior 2150.40 (CSF; 681,72

4.10 (77 214)(1) 1. Corriche Cunet (8) Hughes, 20-11; 2. Bright Editors (11-4); 3. Allease Express (9-2). Halasid 5-2 lev. 9 cm. 34, 141. M. Chermon, Tola: 210,80; 21,80, 21,90, 22.20. DP 218.10. Telo: 228.30. CSP-272,84 27(3): 4.40 [Sf 213): 1, Almaju Grace (Dava O'Nell, 14-1); 2, Louve Gold (5-1); 3, Rendom (16-1) Agus 3-1 (mr. 10 cm. 181, 18. Mass G Kellewy Tote: 216.10; 23.30, 22(0), 29.40, DF: 558.40, This: 2120.20 CSF: 280.46 Tricant: 21,083.31. Musselburgh Going: good to solt, soft in places on round course Jackpot: not won (pool of £18,199.11 carried inward to Calamids being). Placepot: £182.50. Quedpot: £40.50.

0.45 (50) 1, Breini Fenteny (K Darley, 11-10 lad; 2, No Rush (7-1); 3, Forey (2-1); 6 spt. 195, 3. N Tinder, Tole: £1,90; £1,90, £2,70. DF: £5,80, CSF: £8,86. Wirner bought in lor 6,200 guineas. 7.15 (1m of 3 tycl) 1, Buyent (J Caroll, 6-5 fant; 2, Photy Denos: (6-1); 3, Latesn (7-2). 8 mm 314, 2141. M Ryan. Tote: £1.90, £1.20, £1.40, £1.90, £7. £8.80. CSF: £8.37. eer: x 14 ato. 14 cant 221 26.

8,15 (Im 16yd.) 1, Bowchite (J. Carroll, 30-1);
2, Natchies Lady (3-1 lin/); 3, Waterlord (5-1), 12 atr. 140, 174, lets A. Naughton, Toler.
225,00; 54,50; 61,30; 52,70; DF. 591 20.
Trice. 225,50; 10 - part won. Pool of £155,64
carried forward to Salturday. CSF- 275 53.
14 cast: 2330,62.

3.00 (2m 1f hole) 1, High Post (R Massey, 10-1); 2. Commanche Creek (8-1); 3. Christe Glan (10-1) 5 Step Steiner 5-2 bar, 8 ran. 4, 2Mt. G Harri Tote: £11.10; £1.70, £3.20, £170, DR: £50.40. CRF: £94.55. Tricest £271.53.

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CITROËN THYALI

Chelmsford yesterday.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-66, 3-146, 4-157, 5-254, 6-276, 7-276, 8-306, 9-307. BOWLING: Policic 20-3-78-3; Small 8-2-22-0; Welch 15-1-78-1; Rosen 19-4-37-6; Smill 16-5-57-1; Brown 10-1-34-0.

it with \$5 off 109 halls. Once he was out, bowled

As far as the Indians were

which went clean out of the ground and lost the ball. Ward merely knocked its replacement out of shape and at 188 for two Kent were

†C W Scott, J Wood, J Boiling and S J E Brown to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-84, 3-208, 4-214, 5-332. SOWLING: Caime 21-2-69-1; Pick 15-1-43-1; Evans 20-7-44-2; Bowen 14-2-59-0; Tolley 18-4-49-0; Afford 20-5-44-0; Archer 2-0-6-0. MCTTHERAMSHIPE P II Folland, If T Robinson, G F Archer, "P Johnson, C L Calms, C M Tolley, 1W M Noon, K P Brans, M N Bowen, R A Pick, J A Afford.

Umpires: R Julien and B J Mever.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 2

Hereford

cented torward to Saturday CSF: \$20.75.
7.00 (Sm 1f 10yclot) I, Just One Caradinio (C Uerwalyn, 7-2 bay; 2, The West'n Asiasy (19-1): 3. Turpin's Ginen (9-1). 14 mm. AF: Srincipy House, Coamic Force, Jay Juy'a Voyage, Jim Valentine. 1%I, dist. N Twiston-Davies. Tose: 440; \$2.50, \$5.40, \$1.10. DF: \$162.90. This \$15.40 — part won. Peol of \$134.57 carried torward to Saturday, CSF: \$24.2. Tricest: \$27.62.1, Brindley House (17-11) was will observe to under orders. Rule 4 applies, deciration Sp in pound \$2.90 (2m girl 1, Robert's Toy O Bridgewater. 7.30 (2m cit) 1, Robert's Toy (D Bridewater, 7-1 kg; 2, Lower 2m (S-3; 3, Hermann, (7-2), 8 zan. 71, 12t. M Pipe, Toser 52,60; 51,10, 52,90, 51,10. DF: 57.10, CSF: 59.74. 8.00 (3m 2) helip 1, Percy Thrower (C Lievellyn, 7-4 tav); 2, Jaunty June (7-1); 3, Go Protic (11-1), 13 ran, 2, 271 N Tulston-Davise, 10der 52.30; 52.20, 52.20, 52.50 DP-52.70 Tric. 520.30, CSF: \$14.80. 8-50 (2m 3f ch) 1, Judicial Fleid (R Dunnocoty, 9-4 fay); 2, Charmel Pastime (7-2); 3, Cracking Frost (7-2); 8 ran. 11, 25; N Tinkler, Tolo: 12-00; 21:30, 21:50, 22:10 DF: 23:60 CSF: 210:84. Tricest: 225:07.

Brighton

Turf Club stewards leave jockey free to ride in Oaks

Carson wins helmet ban appeal

CORRESPONDENT

WILLIE CARSON was successful yesterday in his appeal to the Irish Turf Club against the five-day ban he received for wearing an unapproved helmet at the Curragh last

The decision overturned the suspension imposed by the local stewards, leaving Carson free to resume riding next Tuesday when an existing ban. handed out by Lingfield stewards over his riding of Kamari, expires.

Carson was suspended by the officials after winning the Irish 1,000 Guineas on Matiya. After originally indi-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ANCIENT QUEST (4.00 Ayr) Next best Smallach (3.40 Wolverhampton)

cating no appeal would be lodged, Carson changed his mind and appeared before the three-man committee, comprising Turf Chub senior steward, Michael Osborne, Professor Michael MacCormac and Frank O'Reilly.

Carson was flanked by his solicitor, Andrew Coonan, and Angus Gold, racing manager to Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktourn, Matiya's owner, when he arrived for the hearing.

Also present was the Turf Chib medical officer, Dr Walter Halley, who reported Carson for wearing the unapproved helmet. He spotted the old-fashioned headgear when the jockey placed it on the weighing room table as he weighed in.

Carson's appeal was lodged on the basis that the local stewards reached an incorrect decision based on the facts

Our Newmarket Correspondent

DRAW; 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

GOING: GOOD

BATH

6.35 Fijon. 7.05 Summer Queen. 7.35 Flocheck. 8.05 Miletrian Refurb, 8.35 Don Boslo. 9.05 Ben

6.35 GRATTLETON RATING RELATED MADDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,565; 1m 2f 46yd) (5 runners)

(1) 5-05 AMOTHER QUARTER 14 S Woods 8-11 ... W Whods 81 (4) 0-25 BASQDQ 35 (V,BF) E Dunlop 6-11 ... Plant Eddery 94 (5) 0-02 CD SUPPO TARRETING 2 M Chercon 8-11 ... R Houses (2) 01-3 FAUR 25 S Hills 8-11 ... M I was 15 SHOR 25 S HILLS 8-11 ... W J O'Connor 80 J

W.J.O'Connor SU 8-11 Filon, 8-2 Beacod, 6-1 CD Super Targeting, 5-1 Another Granter, 26-1

7.05 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND SWAINSWICK MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,950: 5t 161yd) (10)

10 (2) 00-0 LOUISLANA PURCHASE 49 Mrs 8 Water 7-10 N Adams 85 9-4 Flocheck, 4-1 Almerrya, 9-2 Erest Rold, 6-1 Sterling Fellow, 7-1 Hamblitoob, 6-1 Sharmand, 10-1 Shakeleno, 12-1 others.

(8) D-10 STANDONNI 34 (D.F.G.S.) J. Burry 9-7. TOuten 93 (4) E554 CDASTGUARDS HERO 15 (G) M. Lieber 9-3. N. Adams 85 (T) -000 STRAL'S CHANCE 8 (G) K. Butto 8-15 Diago O'Nelli (3) 7 (8) 4005 CESPAND 8 M. Criseron 8-17 (5) 1420 MILETRIAN REFURS 25 (D.87.6.5) M. Crismon 8-17 (5) 1420 MILETRIAN REFURS 25 (D.87.6.5) M. Crismon 8-17 (6) 1420 MILETRIAN REFURS 25 (D.87.6.5) M. CRISMON REFURS 25

(1) BAASM W Horn 3-9-9 R Hills (7) CREST WHIS 13 P Chappis Hum 3-8-9 R Hum (5) B CREST WHIS 13 P Chappis Hum 3-8-9 R Hum (5) B CREST WHIS 13 P Chappis Hum 3-8-9 R Hum (5) B CREST WHIS 14 M SOME 3-8-9 R B COVID (6) G CREST HE CREST STREET SR Human 3-8-9 R B COVID (7) SHARP PROCRESS A Jones 3-8-9 R B COVID (7) SHARP PROCRESS A Jones 3-8-9 R B COVID (8) SHARD W CASTING B Huts 3-8-9 R B COVID (9) SHARD W CASTING B Huts 3-8-4 R B Eddary R WCCGRAAN STILE R Charlon 3-9-4 R B Eddary

5-2 Don Boolo, 9-1 Victorian Style, 7-2 Philiosophes, 4-1 Stradow Canting, 5-1 The Deletants, 10-1 Basson, 16-1 others.

(3-Y-O: £3,402: 1m 5yd) (16)

(9) 403- PARSIS 221 Lady Herries 9-7. Dectar O'Shen 82

(2) 2-06 GOODWOOD ROCKET 34 J Duelop 9-6. Part Eddary 93

(1) 0-10 CLASSIC DEFENCE 22 (D.B.F.G) J Halls 9-5 M Henry (5) 91

4 (13) 00-0 BEAUCHAMP KATE 18 H Candy 9-5. S Sanders 93

5 (6) 0014 FLYING PERMANT 9 (7) R Hannon 9-1. Owno O'Neili (3) 92

7 (10) 2-06 BEAUCHAMP KATE 18 H Candy 9-5. S Sanders 93

(6) 0015 FLYING PERMANT 9 (7) R Hannon 9-1. Owno O'Neili (3) 92

9 (16) -016 SESTAR ACT 25 (D.G) M Casmon 8-9. T Custon 95

(16) -016 SESTAR ACT 25 (D.G) M Casmon 8-9. R Haples 63

10 (12) 2000 PRIDE OF KASHAMP 15 P Harris 8-5. E Fland 97

(6) -050 ANDSOME BOY 4 C Barvell 8-1. J F Egan 25

(15) 006- UKSPOKEN PRAYER 17 J Asada 8-1. J F Egan 25

(11) 40-0 D'ANNO 15 M Sandars 7-11 Markel 0-1. J F Egan 25

(11) 40-0 S LITTLE KSPNY 15 M Fetherston-Godiny 7-10. F Northon 99

9-2 Georborod Rocket, 5-1 Flyop Penoard, 6-1 Phris, 7-1 Classic Deterice, 8-1

9-2 Genderood Rocket, 5-1 Flyrog Penneril, 6-1 Physis, 7-1 Classic Getence, 6-1 System Act, 9-1 Pride Of Nashmir, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Creation, 14 monters from 34 numers, 47.2%, M Stools, 8 from 23, 34.8%, J King, 7 from 26, 25.9%; J Berry, 11 from 45, 24.4%, D Elsmorth, 8 from 41, 19.5%, J Dunkop, 8 from 42, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: Pal Eddey, 21 winners from 91 index, 23.1% M Nerry, 4 from 18, 22.2%, J Raid, 19 from 100, 19%; 8 fdBs, 8 from 45, 17.6%; T Quian, 26 from 152, 17.1%; Paul Eddey, 14 from 85, 16.5%.

8.05 HAYMAKING CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,688: 5/ 11yd) (10)

8.35 HAMSWELL MAIDEN STAKES

9.05 END OF THE DAY HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £3,402: 1m 5yd) (16)



Carson coaxes Matiya (left) to victory in the Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh last Saturday

given to them and they then imposed too severe a penalty.

In their official announcement of the verdict, the stewards said they were satisfied that Carson had ridden in a skullcap with a lesser specification than that required under the rules.

But they noted that "the technical specifications for all approved skullcaps were inaccurately defined in the notice to all trainers and riders regarding skullcaps in the Irish Racing Calendar of March 7, 1996".

The decision to overturn the ban leaves Carson free to ride Bint Salsabil in next Friday's

Vodafone Oaks. As he left the hearing, Carson said: "The stewards have been very kind to me. I wore the wrong helmet by mistake, it was not deliberate packed in my bag."

Carson again gave a broad hint that retirement may be on the horizon, saying: "I am very excited. I can now look for-ward to the Oaks which might be my last one."

Whitewater Affair added

THE Michael Stoute-trained Whitewater Affair is to be put in the Oaks at today's £15,000 supplementary stage. How-ever, Henry Cecil was delaying his decision on whether to supplement Magnificient Style. He said: "A great deal depends on what the ground is likely to be."

Meanwhile, High Baroque. trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam, and the Godolphin-owned colt. Don Micheletto, were yesterday supplemented at a cost of £32,938 for the group one Prix du Jockey-Club, run at Chantilly on

One of the favourites, Loup Solitaire, who has a back injury, and Halcon have been withdrawn, leaving a possible field of 15. Chapple-Hyam could be three handed as he is responsible for the other two British entries, Astor Place and Polaris Flight.

Dalmeny Dancer to step out at Ascot

DALMENY DANCER has Royal Ascot on his agenda after making all in the EBF Freshfield Maiden Stakes at Brighton yesterday. The 3-1 chance was swiftly out of the stalls and Brett Doyle kept Brian Mechan's colt up to his work to win by four lengths from Kenwood Melody, the 9-4 favourite.

Mechan, who needs one more winner to record a century of winners as a trainer, said: "He will go for the Chesham Stakes at the Royal meeting, which used to be six furlongs, like this race. But this year the Chesham has been changed to seven, which will suit our chan. He is a different horse than he was when second at

Colour Counsellor landed 20-1 surprise in the Seaford Selling Handican. The grey, ridden by the apprentice. Corey Adamson, led just inside the final furlong and drew clear to win by three

Mark Flower, the winning trainer, said: "He had everything his way today. If he gets a squeeze or a bump he tends to backpedal and is not

very brave."
The stewards asked Flower to explain the improvement in form of Colour Counsellor, who had fin-ished twelfth of 13 in his previous race - an amateur riders' contest at Lingfield. They accepted the handler's explanation that the colt had taken time to recover from a hard two-year-old campaign, had appreciated the new trip and had experi-

enced a clear run. Corniche Quest, trained by Mick Channon, was another 20-1 winner in the Regency Median Auction Maiden Stakes.

THUNDERER S.50 Persian Fayre 4.00 Candle Smile 2.00 Bold Oriental -2,30 Mock Trial S.00 Best Of All

S — soli, good to soli, heavy). Owner le boucleits. Treiner. Aga and weight. Réder plot any allowance. The Times Present Randompon: a calong.

SOING: GOOD TO SOFT (ROUND COURSE SOFT) DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 GREIG MEDDLETON PEP MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,209: 6f) (10 runners) 5 RARNEURSH BOY 21 (M Busin De

30 DEF-EM 23 (MESS L PENEL) MESS L PENEL 8-0...

S BOLD ORBEITAL 12 (M Tabor) Mess L PENEL 8-0...

FATHER EDDE 18 (C Stevens) J J O'Nell 9-0...

OUR HITCHE 44 (F To Chang) M Johnston 9-0... Part Edition OUR PLICES 44 G. 10 CRING) 16 JUNESON 5-0. Dumen Mol PRINCE OF PARKES 51 (GF) (J Heler) J Bony 5-0. Dumen Mol D THE ORRANAM 13 (Mar L Joughin) J J O'Neil 9-0. N Cos EMISSING SPIRIT (T Scalbart) E Waynes 6-9. N Cos EMISSING SPIRIT (T Scalbart) E Waynes 6-9. BETTHIC: 5-2 Bold Ocional, 11-4 Sheeboogh Boy, 5-1 Our Februe, 6-1 Affective, 6-1 Senteuro, Spicit, 10-1 Print Di Perint, 12-1 otional

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2.30 GILT-EDGED RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-0: £2,723: 1m 2f) (5 runners) (S) USA-000 ME ETHAN GIV 21 (Mainte Ptol J Broy G-5
(S) COSE MOCK TRUE TO O' Locardy Ma J Records 1-0
(T) SERVE WITTE 13 (Main 6 Augusts) J O' Well 9-0
(S) GAO CRYSTAL WARFOON 18 (V Seasons) Delicaris 8-11
(O) 200- TEMPTRESS 247 (A Didny) P Waleyn 8-11

BETTANG: 7-4 Mock Total, 9-1 Rulle, 7-2 Coyetal Warrior, 9-2 Tempirous, 6-1 Miletian City. HIRC: GIVI DE COLDESE U-O Dies Matiesm (6-5 Day II Thomas 5 mm

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3.00 GRESS MADDLETON STOCKBROKERS CUP

ndlca	: 24,26	0: 1m 2f) (7 runners)
(3)	001-008	BREST OF ALL 18 (F,S) (R Aird) J Barry 4-9-10
10	0231-32	SAPAMATIAN 12 (7) (5 Bornist) At Harmonord 5-8-10
(7)	0040/36-	HOME COUNTRES 1744 (CO.F.G) D Models 7-9-9 District Models (S)
£0	0036-8	ARCADY ST (Whether House Backet) P Walleyn 3-8-7
(1)	5-02583	DRIABAER HICKS 23 (D.F.G.S.) Date H Hapter) E Waymes 7-7-12 J Challen
(2)		SWANDALE FLYER 85 (A Camphord) N Bycoot 4-7-10
[5]	6036-04	STOPPALESS 9 (D S) Clear) P Monarkit 8-7-10

SETTINES: 9-4 Summation, 3-1 Department Histor, 7-2 Beet Of All, 5-1 Archety, 8-1 Hazme Cos Floor, 25-5 Summation,

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3.30 GREIS MIDDLETON PRIVATE CLIENT HANDICAP

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4	(3)	92	ANCIENT QUEST 14 (Midcourts) N Calbutan 3-8-7	
5	(1)	85-	DOUBLE DASH 207 (Middleton Partnership) M Johnston 3-8-7 T Williams	Bî
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4	(5)	4410B1	CAPTAIN CARAT 8 (D.F.G) (C Webster) Mrs. J Remades 5-9-5 (Ges) IX Fallon	Ī
- 5	(10)	818-986	CAPHOCK VALLEY 28 (D.BF.F.G.5) (R Aint) J Barry 6-9-2 J Carroll	-
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CATTERICK THUNDERER

2.20 Robec Girl, 2.50 North Arder, 3.20 Maiteamia. 3.50 SEA-DEER (nap). 4.20 Limerick Princess. 4.50 Deire.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.20 LIMERICK PRINCESS

· Going: Good (G800 to Firm IN Places) · · · · · sis

DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.20 STAPLETON MAIDEN AUCTION FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,763: 5f) (9 runners)

... J Favoring 8 Date Sibson 7 R Moden (7) 6 L Champock 4 11-4 Rober Grit, 3-1 Hot Surprise, 9-2 Cascal College, 5-1 Marker Pappy, 6-1 Globy Princess, 8-1 Light Blos, 12-1 offers.

2.50 CROFT SELLING STAKES (£2,406: 1m 2l 39yd) (13)

MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,950: 5t 161yd) (10) 1 (10)	2.30 CROFT SELLING STAKES (£2,406: 1m 2i 39yd) (13)
2 (4) CHELING P Marphy B-11	DESC HEATHYARDS MASIC 25 (6) K Doth 44-12.
9 (9) VETURA'S DREMA & Chemon 8-11 R Haghus — 10 (2) Cass WHOBORN 9 K McLudde 8-11 JF Egen 58 5-2 Calumenter, 3-1 Summer Queen, 9-2 Rad Enthers, 5-1 Gops, 8-1 Weterfu's Dreson, 10-1 Jilly Wao, Woodborn, 12-1 oldes	207 0-25 TROURADOUR SONG 34 W Holes 4-5-12
7.35 FRIDAY EVENING HANDICAP	212 SISO MASS ZAJOZBAR ZZ GP R Fatury 4-8-7 A Cultura 1 213 G-80 SMANIO 12 (F.E) G Nova 4-8-7 A Cultura 1 3-1 Ethe Bits, 7-2 North Anthr. 9-2 Rumpal, 8-1 Haustyanis Mingle, 7 Treutholous Sorre, 8-1 Mithelie, 18-1 others.

(3) 0-52 FLOCHECK 25 J Dunley 9-7. Pat Eddery 94
(3) 963 EWAR BOLD 22 C Britain 9-7. B Doyle 97
(7) DAGG SHALATEERI 4 M Chamben 9-3. P F Marphy (2) 94
(9) -085 ALWARDA 11 R Amstrong 8-1. Paul Eddery 94
(9) -085 ALWARDA 11 R Amstrong 8-11. R Hills 91
(9) 090 MARTYON 13 M Creations 6-7. A Marchay 94
(10) 0503 SHAJAND 29 (8) B Marters 7-10. S Sandard 95
(10) 0503 SHAJAND 29 (8) B Marters 7-10. J F Syms 80
(4) 0-46 BLEGALLY YOURS 111 L Martington Hall 7-10. Martin Doyler (3) 90 3.20 WENSLEY SPRINT HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,688: 51) (8)

2-1 Screek, 7-2 Mahama, 9-2 Purple Memories, 6-1 Migs Signing, Davide Phys. 8-1 Happy Tycom, 10-1 others

3.50 PEN HILL CLARENG STAKES (£2,763: 51) (16)

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4.20 GRINTON HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,314: 5l 212yd) (8)

3-1 Lional Edwards, 7-2 Langitist Process, 9-2 Princely Swand, The What, 6-1 Time Clean, 8-1 Hain Majestis, 10-1 edwis.

4.50 MUITER BATUNE RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (£2,658: 1m 3f 214yd) (11)

(\$2,050: 777 37 27 4970) (11)

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902 00-0 SALTES 148 D Advanced 4-9-0 R Partner 2

903 0-00 CAPAMENOURA 50 E Abston 4-9-5 S 0 Williams 5

904 0-45 BATOLITOETHERILEE 38 W Halph 3-6-5 I Take 6

905 5-00 ATTENZA 12 S Milliams 3-3-5 R Denoty 77

907 00-0 CHRCS SECRET 255 S Pallong 3-8-3 R Denoty 77

907 00-0 CHRCS SECRET 255 S Pallong 3-8-3 R Denoty 78

908 5-42 DARRA 10 J Barbon 3-8-3 R Denoty 79

909 00-5 PERFECT SHT 20 P Cole 3-8-3 A Wilhelm (3) 2

909 00-5 PERFECT SHT 20 P Cole 3-8-3 N J Jarob 1

901 00-5 THE FILL BANGLI ADESH 46 J Lym 3-8-3 D Wilding (3) 4

904 Outp 7-2 Refreserate 4-1 Protect SR 5-1 Ge Will The Mind. 8-1 9-4 Onics, 7-2 Estocombetaire, 4-1 Pariect Salt, 5-1 Gr Willia The Want, 8-1 April 10-1 Salis, Sr German, 17-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAMERS: 8 Peting, 3 minners from 6 roomers, 500%; Mrs M. Reveley, 22 from 96, 22.9%; P Cole, 3 from 14, 21,4%; N Tablin, 3 from 15, 30.0%, M Betl, 5 from 23, 17.2%; JOCKEYS: A Whelen, 3 stemes from 11 ndes, 27.3%. II Darley, 28 non 137, 20.4%; J Wegver, 15 from 94, 15.0%; M Block, 13 from 177, 11.1%, M Ferban, 3 from 28, 10.7%.

WOLVERHAMPTON THUNDERER

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.10 CLOWN AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (E3,125: 1m 100yd) (11 runners)

4 1132 MY GALLERY 28 (C.S.E) A Buley 5-10-11 Mars R Cast, (4) 1
5 -005 PRIMA COMMINA 14 (6) S Woods 4-10-9 ... Miss L Habe (4) 9
8 -1-M WORLDWIDE ELSE 13 (2015) R Hamb 3-10-7 B Barratt (7) 8
7 -1003 KINGELP BOY 6 (7) D.S.G. M Rum 7-10-5 ... S Lawrith (4) 3
8 -60-2 BELLAS BOTE BOY 6 (7) D.S.G. M Rum 7-10-5 ... S Lawrith (4) 3
9 -5000 MOD CAMARD 13 (C.F.G. B Person 9-10-2 ... Miss L Person (7) 4
10 D-60 PLASHTET 95 (C.F.G. K Berton 6-4-3 ... Miss A Party (4) 10
11 0000 SARUM 9 (D.F.G. 1 Lawr 10-9-0 ... T Waters (7) 2 3-1 Numbers Fatt, 4-1 Bellys Sale Boy, 5-1 Customer Lady, 6-1 bly Selling, Prime Commun. 6-1 Ministration Edite, Mol Commit, 10-7 Internal

2.40 GROUPER CLAMING STAKES (\$2,381: 1m 11 79yd) (9) 1 S134 FIELD OF VISION 12 (CD.F.S.E) Mrs. A Subdent 6-8-11

1 5134 FIRELU UP WORLD 12 (ECLY, SLAS) NES A SAMMER F4-11

2 -800 CHEWALER 48 (v) I Campbell 4-0 - 6 Finstone (r) 8

3 0002 WENTERDOS LUG 8 (COLF, SLS) P Evens F4-10 - 6 Finstone (r) 8

4 00-4 DERREER 11 (G) R furth 4-7-8

5 4003 SANOMORI DENIM 12 (CLF, SS) S Brusing 3-0-3 . L Owen' 7

5 5004 SENESS FOUR 3 (S) Also L Sabor 6-9-2 . L Owen' 7

5 5004 SENESS FOUR 3 (S) (S) Mars L Sabor 6-9-2 . L Owen' 7

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5 3-1 Danii James' Siri, 7-2 Fest IX Vision, Wantchigo Lai, 4-1 Chinalin, Viroles, 8-1 Genesis, Fox., 10-1 Sandingor Dealm, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAMERS: M. Jahreston, 35 winners from 138 numers, 25.4%, C. Dwyet, 3 from 14, 21.4%, M. Penccott, 13 from 62, 20.6%; S. Woods, 6 from 31, 10.4%, J. Penrop, 6 from 32, 10.6%; I Compiled, 3 from 18, 16.7%.

3 BRAZING CASTLE 36 W 6 M Tatage B MALMITTON HOUSE IN P Cally 54 6 RUTHLA 21 M Present 5-0. PRESENTMENT 1 D MY 9-0. REU TEST W O'GOTTOM 9-0. B MARTING NOVERSES 30 N National 2 SUAME STAR 7 P EMPS 6-3. 2.10 Desert invader, 2.40 Sandmoor Denim, 3.10 Red Test, 3.40 Susitach, 4.10 Greenwich Agein, 4.40 Newington Butts.

3.40 YER LINEMANN HAMDICAP ...

3.10 REGIONAL RAIL WAYS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,264: 61) (8)

4.10 LION SELLING STAKES (\$2,381: 1m 4f) (9)

| 4200 | SPZESWICH ABAN | 2 (0, F, S) | 7 Mills 4-18-0 | Minds Lynch 3 | 2 0-48 M-SC TMES 13 (00.8) M Junesum 5-8-10 | L Dudon 8 2 0-48 M-SC TMES 13 (00.8) M Junesum 5-8-70 | L Dudon 8 2 0-59 70 | Mills 4-8-5 | M .9 0 PANDORA'S SIFT 29 X Butto 3-8-2...... 1-1 Separate Legis, 7-2 Combins, 6-2 Librar The Miles, 6-1 Signay Fig. Mags. Times, 6-1 Paul Androckiey, 12-1 others.

4.40 ANGEL HAMDICAP

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STRATEORD

6.20 Phalarope 650 Certain Angle. 7.20 Distant Echo. 7.50 Handsome Harvey. 8.20 Persian Tactics. 8.50 Amien. Carl Evans: 7.50 Scally Mulre.

GOING: GOOD

6.20 JAMES PAGET GROUP WEST BROWNICH RELLING HANDICAP RURDLE (22,205: 2m 110yd) (15 runners)

7-2 Phylispes, 9-2 George Lave, 5-1 Lumbrus, 6-1 (Aurilles, 7-1 Shriping Edge, 8-1 Sul-Eur-Hight, 18-1 Stay Happy, 12-1 others. 6.50 J ROUND MACHINERY WEDNESDAY MOYICES HAMDICAP CHASE (E4,183: 2m 51 110yd) (8)

1 1979 CEPTAMIN ANGLE 22 (0F.F.G.S) P. Habbs 7-11-10. A. P. Hicky 2 1913 FURTUMES COURSE OF (G.S.) J. Hing 7-11-5. Mr. J. Canlory, CS 3 2022 FOREST EATHER 13 (G.S.) C. Thybod 3-19-11. B. Pichards 4 (G.S.) A (G.S.) C. Thybod 3-19-11. B. Pichards 4 (G.S.) A (G.S.) C. Thybod 3-19-11. B. Pichards 5 (J.S.) T. Hing 1-19-10-10. B. Pichards 6 (G.S.) T. HING 1-19-10-10. B. Pichards 6 (G.S.) T. HING 1-19-10-10. B. Pichards 6 (G.S.) T. HING 1-19-10-10. B. Surrough 6 (G.S.) T. HING 1-19-10-10. B 9-4 Cestan Angle, 3-1 Femal Fedien, 4-1 Fediens Genera, 6-1 Luie Warn, 8-1 Imposis Vitage, 12-1 Stania Francia, 14-1 alless.

7.20 TARBAG CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,730: 2m 110yd) (14)

11 PSOS LIBRORADA DAYS 13 (D.F.S) Ni Manudo 10-10-7 J Relitor 12 1-01 VESCH OF FREEDOM 21 (CD.F.S) 5 Divis B-10-5. A P VibCoy 13 5-65 PACTING 21 (F) N Aprile B-10-5 Residency 14 0001 NOME O THREE 23 (S) A Managembe 7-10-0 J PR Konningle 9-2 Sulvez, 5-1 Contin Secret, 6-1 Non Vintage, 7-1 Diamond Col. Josifica, 8-1 Burgan Jamper, 78-7 Cooley's Valve, Distant Echo, 12-1 (short)

7,50 HORSE AND HOUND CHAMPION NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £3,782: 3m 4f) (16)

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Legacy of Cockerell is flourishing in an unlikely sporting arena

Very few frills attached to racing skirts

started it in the early 1950s: experimented with coffee tins and a vacuum deaner and, by 1959, he had perfected the exercise, built the first hovercraft. (At around that time I was researching the effect of a dustpan and brush on Lipton tea bags and got nowhere).

The first hover, the SRNI. had its limitations, like a top speed of ten miles per hour and the inability to negotiate waves of more than 18 inches or land obstacles above a foot. To combat these shortcomings, the flexible skirt was developed, whereafter hover technology made rapid prog-

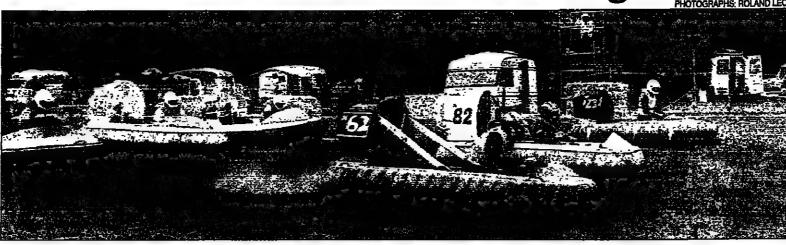
In 1962 the Vickers VA3 provided a link between Rhyl and Merseyside; a year later SRN2 operated across the Severn and the year after that



N5 carried passengers from Portsmouth to the Isle of Wight. Hovercraft became were used all over the world and, in 1969, Cockerell was knighted for his achievement just like senior civil servants and unsuccessful MPs.

In common with other "interesting" inventions, the hover principle attracted pioneer amateur builders who used the technology on a variety of vessels, some with a single engine a percentage of which provided the down-draft which causes lift, while the remaining power propelled the boat: others with a forward fan for lift and a rear motor for drive. The pilot sits in the front steering by means of a joystick or bicycle handlebar and the judicious transference of

Today the Hover Club of Great Britain Ltd flourishes: Light Hovercraft, priced E2, is its monthly magazine and tells all in "the season", which runs from spring to autumn; there





Competitors roar away at the start of a hover race at Stanford Hall, in Warwickshire, top, before returning to dry land after a spell over water

are events and competitions in a dozen locations: mostly gracious houses, leisure parks and water gardens.

This may be the last remaining truly amateur sport: the prizes are modest silverware; the fuel used is four star or unleaded; the craft are classified by engine size: Formula I capacity, over 500cc; Formula 2, 250 to 500cc: Formula 3, under 250, the specification also for Formula junior.

The drivers are friends, help each other, share campsites where they live and sleep and barbecue and drink homebrewed beer and wine and spend the rest of the time

tuning engines, arguing about the relative merits of integrated and separate systems. working on the flexible skirt which retains the cushion of air beneath the craft.

The hulls are constructed of

plywood, glass fibre or aluminium; the smaller the craft, the more vital it is to be as light as possible. There are no stars, no tantrums, no scrutineers or drug testers nor groupies; just collective jollity and dedication and a goodly number of supportive wives and children, as well as a full complement of knowledgeable, safety-conscious officials.

I watched a national race meeting at Stanford Hall in Warwickshire. The weather was dismal, the crowd miniscourse is about one mile, the terrain considered to be a good mix of land and water with yellow markers to show the route. The start is grand prixlike with traffic lights and a pit lane for latecomers; the vessels

scoot along the flatlands, skid into the lake, race along to a wooded paddock, pass between two trees and round on the far side of the water into the last sharp turn called Bedstead Corner.

nlike grand prix driving, you cannot get into the slipstream of the boat in front for it belches out air and pushes you back. "Ploughing" is when your nose goes into the water, causing the craft to stop rapidly and the driver to swim.

There is a novice race in which the larger craft beat the smaller . . . a Formula 1 can do upwards of 70 knots, twice as fast as Formula 3; the race is ten minutes plus one lap.

teacher at Bradfield, brings pupils who go home and build their own hovercraft. Smallwood is reputed to be the best barbecuer on the circuit. He drives his boat into fourth

I meet Piers Coleman-Cooke, a 31-year-old Devonian, third in Formula 1 in the United Kingdom, second in the European competition last

"How did you come into the sport?"

"I saw the advertisement, sent off for the book, then for the kit and built my own craft from plans before setting up in business designing hovers. he said.

He has shelves full of trophies and would rather not talk about how much it costs. but a Formula 1 will set you back all of £6,000 and there is the car and the trailer and the petrol to get to the venues and about a gailon of fuel per race. Drivers do not have mechan-

A junior race is on. The two leading craft fight circuit after circuit, lapping the field, with the girl cornering better, the boy driving faster in the water but unable to hit the land at the correct angle for a turn and

get away. Hell-bent on victory. the craft are side by side in the final lap: both lose control. spin, regain control and the girl's craft lifts because she is

over-revving. The boy wins.
In the absence of champagne to squirt over others on the podium, he is interviewed. *How did it feel?"

"Yeah, great." "Will you go on winning?"

"Yeah." "What did you think of the

"Yeah, great." This is what comes of watch-

ing Mansell and Hill on

Paul Hibberd is a young man with a future. I am told. Ex-Bradfield. he studies aeronautic engineering at Bath having more silver trophies on his sideboard than anyone, which is about it in the way of reward for excellence in this sport. He could become as famous as Paul McCollum, our present numéro uno.

RADIO CHOICE

Looking back to innocence

I Was That Teenager. Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.

If Hunter Davies's new series goes on as it has begun. I would say If Hunter Davies's new series goes on as it has begun. I would say that we are in for a string of Friday morning feasts of reminiscence. He has been lucky to get Lady Longford for starters. Coming up to 90 she may be, but what crystal-clear memories of her teenaged years in the Twenties she summons up! There is no hint in anything she says that she will end up like one of the "old crones of the fairy-stories", which is how she says young women of her day used to regard nonagenarians. Her brother, using silkworms, taught her the facts of life. Benfalants. life. Boylriends meant just that - friends who happened to be boys, nothing more. Small wonder she was somewhat in awe of her doctor father. He would dig out her blackheads with sharp needles.

Degas: His Ideas and his Art. Radio 3, 9.55pm.

Restricted to a miserly five minutes slot per item. Richard Kendall cannot afford to waste a single word in his selections from the letters and notebooks of Degas, and offering his own thoughts on them. Nonetheless, he has whetted my appetite for the Degas exhibition now running at the National Gallery in London. Episode one finds Degas in Italy in 1855, studying the Renaissance masters, sketching a Giorgione landscape and seething with anger when a cathedral organist blasts out something from La Traviata just as he starts to draw a seraph, and discovering something of the sadness "of those

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RADIO 2

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RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breaklast Programme mcl 6.56, 7.55 Racing preview 8.35 The Magazine incl Video Review and News from Europe 12.00 Midday with Mar Incl 12.35pm Moneycheck 1.15 Entertainment News Moneycheck 1.15 Entertainment News 2.05 Ruscoe on Five incl 3.45 Entertainment News 4.00 Nationwide, Incl 3.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Edra Incl at 7.20 Finday Sport Rugby League Castletord Tigers v Warrungton; Motor racing the buildup to the Sparieth Grand Prix; Tennis The French Open from Paris 9.38 Sports Shop, with Adrian Goldberg 10.05 Paper Talk, with Binan Alexander and Pril Murphy 11.00 Night Extra 12.05cm After Hours 2.05 Up All Extra 12.05em After Hours 2.05 Up All

TALK RADIO

6.30cm Paul Rose 10.00 Scott Chs-holm 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 6.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Sport 10.00 Mike Allen 1.00cm Mike Dickin

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CLASSIC FM

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VIRGIN RADIO

8.00am Russ 'n' Jone 9.00 Richard Nicky Home 7.30 Paul Coyle 10.00 Mark Forest 2.00em Howard Pearce

6.00em On Air Beethoven (String Quartet in D, Oo 18 No 3); Berwald (Symphony No 1 In G minor, Sinlonie seneuse); Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in G minor, Op 9 No 3), Mackert (Twettin Night); Morales (Andreas Christi Iamulus);

Haydn (Sonata, Duo, In C, P127); Fauré (Incidental

Piano Concerto No 5) Munical Encounters. Includes Orbon (Conductus, Versiones sinfoncas);
Sayguet (Trio for oboe, clarinet and bassoon); Vivalor (Flute Concerto in D. RV428), Rodingo (Sonata pimpante);
Berlioz (Nutl d'Ivressa, The Trojans, Act IV) 11,00
Chaubini (Overtura: Les Abencerapes); Haydin, arr Cherobari (Cherobari). Eles Abencerages): Haydin, air Rosinlack. (3 Movements from Orlando Paladino) 11.15 Artist of the Week: Gustav Leonhardt, harpsichord. Bach (Cantatal No 205: Der Cherobarostolitis Achus).

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12.00 Composer of the Week:
Richard Rodney Bennett.
Includes Let's go live in the
country, Paritia for Orchestra;
Early to bed; Concerto for
Stan Getz
1.00pm St David's Hall

Lunchtime Recital.

Vanbrugh Quartet, Mozari
(String Quartet in D minor,
K421): Beethoven (String
Quartet in E flat, Op 74, Harp)
2.06 The BBC Orchestras. BBC
Scottish Orchestra under
Christopher Gayford, Panufnik
(Old Polish Suite; Lullaby;

Sintonia rustice) (r)
3.00 Mining the Archive, Gordon
Stewart explores the history of
the Borodin Quantet and
infroduces music by
Shostakovich and Borodin
5.00 The Music Machine, with
Size Nation

5.15 in Tune, includes Comill (Concerto Grosso in D, Op 6 No 7); Debussy (Bruyères,

Preludes Bk III); Barber (Agrus del) 7.30 English Chamber Orchestre, under Jeffrey Tele With Mitsuko Uchida, piano Fauré (Sulte: Masques et bergamasques); Mozart (Plano Concerto No 20 in D minor, 1466); Ravel (Pavane pour une intente defunte); Bizet (Symphony in C)

9.30 Manners (5/5)
9.35 Songs by Liszt and
Poulenc. Felicity Lott,
soprano, Geoffrey Parsons,
piano. Uset (Ohl quand le dore; Enfant si l'étais roi); Poulenc (Trois Metamorphoses; Les Chemins de l'amour)

9.55 Degas: His Ideas and His
Art. See Choice

10.00 Hear and Now. Includes the first complete performance of Furrision Birtwhistis's. Secret Theatres on the London South McFadden, soprano, accompanied by the Arcitti Cuartet and Capricom, under Lineal Capricom, under

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12.00 Composer of the Week: 12.00 Composer or the week: Peoplosi (7) 1.00cm Through the Niight, with Donald Macieod Includes 1.00 Beethoven (Symphory No 9, Choral) 4.05 Chamber

music 5.00 Sequence

4.45 Short Story: May and June.
Julie T Wallace reads Ruth
Rendell's story (r)
5.00 PM. With Charlie Lee-Potter
and Chris Lowe 5.50
Shipping Forecast 5.56
Weather
5.00 St. O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places. Devid Stafford
reveals more weekend
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oursulfs 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Pick of the Week

8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical discussion in Bath with panellists Carmen Calil, writer

RADIO 4

5.55cm Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing and weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Sairing Alone around the World, William Roberts reads Captain Joshua Slocum's account of the first solo voyage around the world, which he completed in 1896

which he completed in 1898 atter three years at sea (5/5) 9.00 Never 9.05 Decent Island Discs. The theatre and improducer Michael White talks to Sue Lawley about his life

and musical tastes (r)
9.45 Foodback With Chris
Dunkley
10.00-10.30 News; I Was That

Teenager (FM only). See Choice (1/6) 10.00 An Act of Worehlp (LW only) 10.15 This Scept'd Isle (LW only) 10.30 Woman's Hour. Introduced from Glasgow by Ruth
Wishart. Serial Heal Wave by
Penelope Lively Read by
Rowena Cooper (4/12)
11.30 The Natural History

Programme 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm The Food Programme 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

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Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Classic Serial; A
Handful of Dust by Evelyn
Waugh (2/2) (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope,
Paul Gambaccin explores an exhibition on theatre and listens to new CD releases

and journalist; Peter Hitchens, assistant editor of the Daily Express; Margaret Hodge Labour MP, and William Waldegrave MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury 8.50 Law in Action. With Marcel Berint 9.15 Letter from America by

Alistair Cooke

9.30 Kaleldoscope Feature: The
Further Adventures of
Huckleberry Pinn (r) 9.59

Weather 10.00 The World Tonight. With

Robin Lustig 10,45 Book at Bedtime: Bookshop, Maggle Steed reads Penelope Fitzgerald's

novel (5/10) 11.00 Week Ending. With Sally

Grace 11.25 Fourth Column. A new

series begins

11.45 A Likely Story? Presented by Les Woodland (r)

12.00 News incl 12.27am Weather
12.30 The Late Book: The Last Girl by Penelope Evans
(1/6) 12.48 Shoping Forecast
1.00 As World Service (LW only)

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4 RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK. MW 1053, 1089.Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson and Jane Gregory

Carlylean derivative of dandy, after hypochondriacal and the like. Carlyle, Sartor Resartus, 1831: "The Dandiacal Body. It appears as if this Dandiacal Sect were but a new modification of that primeval Superstition, Self-worship."

(b) A collector's name for various species of moths, especially the Oak Egger-moth (Bombyr quercus). "It spun itself a brittle brown case, in form of an egg, like caterpiliar in the next plate. For which reason they are called by some the great and small

(c) A sugar plum or sweetmeat in the centre of which is a drug; intended for the more pleasant administration of medicinal substances. From the French for a sweetmeat or comfit. Also a silver-and-gold sugared almond of the sort that Greeks give guests at weddings and christenings.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1. Qg7+! Nxg7; 2, Nho+ Kh8; 3, Nexf7+ Rxf7; 4, Nxf7+ Kg8; 5, Nxd8 and

Answers from page 39

(a) Of the nature of, or characteristic of, a dandy; dandified. A

(c) Basque. Used by some ethnologists to designate that pre-Aryan element in the population of Europe, which they suppose to be typically represented by the Basques. From the Basque Euskara, Eskuara, Uskara the Basque language.

WORD-WATCHING

DRAGEE

Robert runs into form at right time

By JENNY MACARTHUR

MICHEL ROBERT, of France, underlined his form for the Enza New Zealand Nations' Cup today — the main event of the four-day Hickstead showjumping meeting - when he and Airborne Montecillo won the Enza New Zealand Trophy by nearly nine seconds. Erik Holstein, of Ireland,

Geoff Glazzard, one of the few British riders who appeared to be trying, rather than using the competition as a schooling round for the bigger events to come, took third place, on Heilo Oscar.

Airborne, a son of Abdullah, the 1984 Olympic silver medalwinner, won the same event the winner of the young riders' last year when ridden by Luis

had lost Miss San Patrignano. his world and European silver medal-winning horse, to Ed-die Macken, of Ireland, formed an instant partnership with the ten-year-old stallion and, in 25 competitions since August, they have only twice

Despite these successes, the

finished outside the top six. round to finish eighth yester-

championship in the same arena four years ago, was second, on Ballaseyr Kalosha. Ximenez, of Mexico. Two Olympic Games in Atlanta are not a realistic prospect. "He is horse was sent to Robert's not ready yet in his mind," vard near Lyons, Robert, who

not ready yet in his mind," Robert said. Vondeena on which he won the La Baule Grand Prix two weeks ago, and Degina, the horse that he rides in the Nations' Cup today, are Robert's two Olympic contenders. Di Lampard and Abbervail Dream, who had a slow clear

> day, have a chance to confirm their Olympic credentials today after being selected to join Geoff Billington. Michael Whitaker and John Whitaker in the Great Britain team for the Nations' Cup. Ronnie Massarella, the team manager, said that it had been a difficult decision to

choose between Lampard and William Funnell, on Comex a member of the winning team last year - for the fourth place. "They both jumped well," Massarella said. "In the end. it came down to the fact that Di had a clear round and William had a fence down." Also in the opening class. Billington had a reassuring clear round on It's Otto, while Michael Whitaker, who goes first today, had four faults on Midnight Madness. John Whitaker and Welham, who had a double clear round last year, confirmed their form with third place in the later competition, the International Stakes.

There was further cheer for the selectors yesterday when Two Step, Michael Whitaker's top horse, competing in his first competition since sustaining a hairline fracture of the withers in Bordeaux in February, jumped "out of his skin" in a small class in an outer ring. Massarella and Whitaker are confident that the 13-year-old gelding will be fit in time for Atlanta.

MTESULTS: Nations' Cup meeting: Erza New Zealand Trophy: 1 Airborno Montecillo (M Robert, Fr) 0 ffs: Immo 20 480cc. 2 Ballengy Kelosha (E Holstein, Ire) 0, 1.29,09: 3, Hollo Oscar (G Glazzard GB) 0, 129,09: Taza New Zealand International Stekes: 1, Capricieux des Sor Censes (S Van Paesschon, Bel) 0, 1:14 71; 2, Ashley (M Whitaler, GB) 0, 1:19 84; 3, Welham IJ Whitaler, GB) 0, 120 45

Ruddles County Riddles. No. 6. Rope Trick.

and his beloved County

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to solve his dilemma.

Can you work out Angia's solution?



Solution: He sould have crossed the bridge juggling the prebs.

Angie, who is a circus performer, why he was

late, she immediately came up with a solution

TOPLO TOP

Their specialist subject must be retaliation

the reporter who stood outside the Iranian Embassy in May 1980 got the situation just about right, of course. Inside were 20-odd hostages and a gang of armed desperadoes. Every hour that goes by," the reporter warned solemnly to carnera, "is an hour nearer a conclusion of some

kind or other." Well, thank you for that, said a grateful nation. Every hour that goes by does usually mean an hour has gone by. But as far as last night's SAS - The Soldiers' Story on ITV was concerned, it was not quite such a banal insight as first appeared. Because, while the country in 1980 absorbed the dubious wisdom of these words. and the clock ticked on the wall, that famous conclusion involving abseil-ropes and machineguns and exploding french windows was waiting to happen in the house next door. The SAS counted the minutes. "When push comes to

shove, the gloves will come off." said the narrating soldier (a silhouette in a hood). "You don't mess around with men like that. You go in hard and kill them."

So SAS reconstructed the battle for us, with a tasteful "R" at the bottom of the screen, and lots of sound and fury and flaming curtains. Real SAS men have contributed anonymous services to this series, and last night relived the glory of storming the embassy and pumping bullets into johnny foreigner. No point objecting that the insights of an SAS man make "every-hour-that-goes-by" look like an apercu. "You've got to hit 'em hard," said the soldiers, gruffly. "You've got to put a bit of stick about." "They've got to learn, about." "They've got to learn, bring your tactics to the UK and you're gonna end up on a slab."

This was not mere posturing, of course. SAS men are brave soldiers, and all that. But to tell the story of the embassy siege without

context - Iran, the Ayatoliah. global terrorism, the Home Secretary - is simply remiss. The embassy cat probably had a story to tell, but you wouldn't make a documentary. Sadly, it fuels one's suspicion that SAS is designed to pander to firearm fanatics who love a good rat-tat-tat massacre, and only need to be satisfied that johnny foreigner was asking for it, and got what was coming, and had only himself to blame. The final word was the equivalent of firing bullets in the air. They thought they were in for a good day out. They just hadn't heard of the SAS."

etaliation was a bit of a theme last night. I got quite fed up with it. Channel 4's Witness: When Women Kill was a thoughtful but depressing Canadian documentary about three battered women who finally nailed violent husbands. As expert Ann Jones pointed out, the real ques-



didn't leave abusive relationships, but why the men wouldn't let them. Meanwhile, "justified" retaliation is much harder to prove in a marriage than in an embassy siege, apparently: most legal sys-tems still feel more comfortable with the plea of insanity than with the nies of celf-defence.

And then, in the last part of The Poisoned Chalice (BBC2) what

politicians all paying each other back? Jacques Delors is ignored at a press conference by Margaret Thatcher; he pays her back by addressing the TUC at Bourne-mouth and welcoming the unions to Europe. Mrs Thatcher retaliates with the infamous Bruges speech. How simple it now seems; and how tangled it always is at the time. I realise I have spent the past 30 years whistling with my eyes closed, waiting for The Poisoned Chalice to come along and explain all this. I had no idea Chancellor Kohl tried to woo Mrs Thatcher to Europe by means of a nice, German boiled pig's stomach. It explains a lot.

The exquisitely painful scalpel-work of The Poisoned Chalice has heen the exact opposite of the mallet-and-chisel of SAS. Painstakingly, it has unpicked the Gordian knot instead of slicing it through. What with Michael

did we find again but European Cockerell's profile of Lord Jenkins of Hillhead at the weekend, I have rarely felt so well informed with so little effort on my own part. And how pleasant to be reminded of little Norman Lamont - was he really like that? How did we ever take him seriously? - now that he is rafely in the dim and distant.

But I cannot let a Thursday night go by without a fix of Airport (BBCI). Last night's fifth instalment concerned Christmas at Heathrow, and featured Dave the policeman, Viv the flight dispatcher, and Jean-Marie the terminal manager. A few weeks back I couldn't decide whose side I was on, but now no doubt remains: the staff are heroes and the public should be sedated on arrival, wheeled through on trolleys with tickets and passports clamped between their teeth. Years ago a denartment store offered me a job in Customer Liaison, and I am astonished to remember I was tempted. "What does it entail?" I asked. "If somebody falls off an escalator. you take care of it." Well, not bloody likely is what I'd say now.

Things went a little too far last night when Viv was overheard referring to an Unaccompanied Minor (or "Um") as if he were a kind of parcel. "The Um has gone missing?" she exclaimed on the phone. "But I put it on the bus, at the front. How could you miss it?" She described the Um in terms of height ("about two foot") and by sex (a boy), but the non-genderspecific pronoun kept recurring, because from the other side of the fence, passengers are indeed parcels - parcels who complain and weep, wander off blindly, get stuck in the lift, and fall off escalators for the hell of it. Yet Viv, Dave and Jean-Marie never retaliate. Which is why we admire them so much, I expect. And why Airport is such good telly.

BBC1

6.00em Business Breakfast (25509) 7.00 BBC Breskfast News (Ceelax) (49580) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (7020764) 9.20 Can't Cook Won't Cook

9.50 FILM: Kidnapped (1971) with Michael Caine, Trevor Howard and Donald Pleasence. Glossy adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's novel. Directed by Defbert Mann. Includes 11.00 News and weather (41178035)

11.45 The Europeans: France (r) (7307967) 12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1350238) N.I.: 12.02-1.00 Election 96

12.05pm Call My Bluff (s) (5585870) 12.35 Going for Gold (s) (4075290) 1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (59967) 1.30 Regional News N.I.: 1.30 Newsline 1.40 Neighbours 2.05 Call My Bluff 2.35 Going for Gold 3.00 Rare Breads

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Classics (r) (s) (6004122) 4.10 Little
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(5371870) 4.35 Clarisas Explains it All
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9.30 999. Michael Buerk and Juliet Morris (Ceclex) (8) (345770) N.I.: 9.30 Election 96 10.00 998 10.55 FiLM: Regarding Honor 2.15 Weather

10.20 FILM: Regarding Henry (1991) with Herrison Ford and Annette Bening, Henry Turner is a ruthless, worksholic New York lawyer who chests on his beautiful wife, tyrannises his daughter and upset nearly everyone he comes into contact with. All this changes after he is shot in the head during a hold-up. Henry is forced to rebuild his life and reassess his values along the way. Directed by Mike Nichols (s) (Ceefax) (464144)

12.05 FILM: Dr Terror's House of Horror (1964) with Peter Cushing, Christopher Lee, Roy Cestle and Donald Sutherland. Enjoyable horror-fantasy about a mysterious traveller who talks five men's fortunes while on a train. Directed by Freddle Francis (773826)

1.40am Weather (1204420)

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BBC2

6.00cm Open University: Biology (7822528) 6.25 Scenes from Dr Faustus (7601035) 6.50 Global Firms, Shrinking Worlds

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4022696) 7.30 The Little Polar Bear (4834219) 7.35 William's Wish Wellingtons (4826290) 7.40 Peter Pan and the Piretes (4266677) 8.05 Smuris' Adventures (42007/) 8.05 Smirrs Adventures (7772073) 8.30 The Really Wild Show (12238) 9.06 Mighty Max (4835509) 9.20 Activ-8 (7031870) 9.45 SuperTed (3034967) 9.55 Spot (2688054) 10.00 Playdays (2688431) 10.25 Star Trek (201580) 10.50 The Tick (196882) (21110 Randell and Honkids (4 11.10 Flandali and Hopkirk (r) (4502325) 12.00 Great Crimes and Trials of the 20th Century (s) (15054) 12,30pm Working Lunch (43696)

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7.30 Going, Going, Gone. Auction game show (783) N.L.: 7.30 We Are (Not) Amused (783) 8.00 Top Geer Motorsport. Tilf Needell reports from Silverstone on the fourth

round of the GT Endurance Chempionship (Caetax) (s) (4509) 9_10 Sudana (8) (6344) udeners' World (Castar)

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Davies (s) (17783) 10.30 Newsmight, Live from Belfast for the results of the Northern Ireland election (Ceetax) (663764)

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Frankie Howard as Luroio (11.15pm)

11.15 Pilot Paradise: Up Pompeil. With Frankie Howerd (3/3) (639967) 11.50 Where's Elvis This Week? American what's-on (799948)

12.35 FILM: Secret Agent (1936) with John Gielgud and Madeleine Carroll. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock. (8082979) Ends at

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Tomorrow's World BBC1. 7.30pm

Catering to the garden-shed inventor, albeit Latering to the garden-shed inventor, albeit in the guise of presenting "tomorrow's technology today", this long-running science programme is a terrific forum for British ingenuity. Tonight's show demonstrates a new tool invented by an orthopaedic surgeon inspired by a previous item in 1988 about an ultrasonic tile-cutter. It will improve the surgical procedures involved in removing wormout him replacements. Artificial hims worn-out hip replacements. Artificial hip worn-out hip replacements. Artificial hips are held in place by a cement so hard thatsurgeons have to resort to hammer and chisel to dislodge it, with a high risk of damaging the surrounding fragile bone. Designed by the combined efforts of the surgeon and an engineer, the instrument works by melting away the cement using soundwaves. As more than 40.000 people a wear in the UK alone have hip operations. year in the UK alone have hip operations, this news will have the joint swinging.

Gardeners' World BBC2, 8.30pm

The Millennium Commission might be having problems over the Greenwich site, but there is one of its projects that arouses no such controversy. A grant of £21.5 has been given to the Millennium Seed Bank at the Royal Boranic Gardens at Kew to create a new facility at Wakehurst Place. But the Seed Bank needs to double that sum to see the plans through to completion. Hence today's launch of an appeal to raise the necessary money. Sir David Attenborough, patron of the Millennium Seed Bank, explains the background to this preservation of the seed of endangered plant species. By the year 2000, Kew plans to store seed from every wild plant in the country (Britain will be the first to achieve this) and by the year 2101, the bank will hold seed from at least 10 per cent of the world's plants.

Murder Most Horrid BBC2, 9.00pm

Dawn French's comedy dramas are a bit of a hit-and-miss affair but she is always marvellously watchable and this story is no exception. In The Body Politic, written by Anthony Horowitz, she and Hugh Laurie play Jerry and Linda Bryce, the Leader of the Opposition and his wife, a teacher, on the brink of becoming the newest occupants of No 10. While Jerry soapboxes about law and order on television. Linda handles the social functions and the home redecorations. But there's a horrible pong emanating from under the kitchen floor and it is not rising damp. To say this is corruption in low places is no joke because the stench belongs to three rotting corpses. Do they call the police and face political ruin or stay quiet and get rid of the evidence? And why does Hugh Laurie

Jack and Jeremy's Real Lives Channel 4, 10.30pm

Whether the picture of Jack Dee and Jeremy Hardy as Gilbert and George over the credits is meant as joke, the image is rather apt. Here the straight men of stand-up comedy take a skewed look at society's oddities in a she-part cornedy drama series. Paired together, they can take risks they cannot take alone. Tonight's first episode has the duo spoofing a day in the life of the parasitic aristocracy. Jeremy is "the intelligent, sensitive one for whom the burden of wealth and privilege is almost too much to bear", while Jack is "more your bombastic go-getter with a string of dolly birds to me name". Guests include Heler Lederer as the namy and Stephen Frost as the farmer. Dee and Hardy may not be able to act themselves out of a paper bag, but they are weirdly funny anyway. Prances Lass

CENTRAL

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9,55 Regional News (Taletext) (2675580) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (6927257) 10.35 This Morning (50342851)

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3.30 Roste and Jim (f) (s) (9281275) 3.40 The Treacle People (s) (1731306) 3.50 Bimble's Bucket (Teleton) (s) (2008493) 4.15 The Twisted Tales of Fefix the Cat (5372500) 4.40 Spetz (r) (Teletext)

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to win \$20,000 (Teletext) (s) (5615) 7.30 Coronation Street. (Teisted) (509) 8.00 The Bill: Jekyll and Hyde. When Brownlow witnesses a road race asseult on his way to work, he sets out to put the

maniac behind bars (Teletext) (1035) 8.30 Expert Witness. Animal Liberation Front activist Kalth Menn is a dangerous fanatic who tries to start a bombing campaign. Police raid his hide-out but find no evidence of terrorism. They call in an expert who finds an unificity clue — a bag



Lasley Vickerage is Lt Butter (9.00pm)

9.00 Soldier, Soldier: Hard Knocks. As the only woman in the regiment, Lieutenant Kate Butler (Lesley Vickerage) is determined to prove herself (r) (Teletext)

10,00 News and weather (Teletext) (11509) 10,30 Central News (Teletaxi) and Weather (871306)

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12.40 Hotel Babyton (s) (2044333) 1.20 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late (s) (1392826) 2.20 Cue the Music: Curis Stigers (9084246) 3.20 Dear Nick (f) (4050915) 4.15 Jobtinder (Teletext) (1161265) 5.20 Asian Eye (8959791)

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CHANNEL 4

8,35em The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (r)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (32290) 9.00 Sayed by the Bell: The College Years (r) (Teleisti) (7046702) 9.25 The Pink Penther Show (r) (s) (7032508) 9.50 Californie Dreams (r) (6862899) 10.20 Bilder Milce from Mars (r) (6204677) 10.45 Mork and Mindy (r) (8243580) 11.10 Dog City (r) (s) (3269306)

11.35 Wildside (r) (s) (8065580) 12.00 Garden Party (r) (Telelext) (s) (82162) 12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (51431) 1.30 Alfred J. Kwak (r) (39047073) 1.55 Osals

2.15 Fil.M: The Revolt of Mamie Stover (1956) with Jane Russell and Richard Egan. A drama about a Honolulu dance-hall hostess. Directed by Reoul Waleh.

4.00 The Lost Waterway (r) (Teletext) (238) 4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (122) 5.00 Searching for Susan (r) (Teletext)

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7.56 Book Choloe. Blake Morrison reviews

Gerden, Market Drayton, Shropshire (Teletext) (a) (9877) 8,30 Brookside. (Teletaxi) (a) (1412) 9,00 Cybill: Local Hero. Cybill is persuaded

to meet her previously unknown adoring Russian fans (Teletext) (s) (4851) 9,30 Life After Birth. Allson is becoming claustrophobic after spending two months cooped up with her beby in the

flet (Teletext) (s) (58528) 10.00 Rossenne. When Jackie's divorce comes through, Bev suggests that she joins her ballroom dancing class to meet Curtis (Teletext) (s) (32621)



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12.40em Fleve (8) (9662555) 1.10 FiLM: The Brain Machine (1955, b/w) with Elizabeth Allan, Maxwell Read and Russell Napler, A psychiatrist is kidnapped when she discovers that a criminal's brainwaves are similar to those of a psychopathic killer. Directed by Ken Hughes (Teletext) [996401)

2.45 Best Specials, Music from Salad and EMF (r) (s) (9938130), Ends at 3.40

SATELLITE AND CABLE

listings of satellite and cable changels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

7.00am Undum (92896) 9.00 Press Your Luck (7018275) 9.20 Love Connection (9185702) 9.48 Corel Wintrey (4921702) 10.40 Jeopardy (9329967) 11.10 Selly Jessy Raphael (9477528) 12.00 Beedry (79035) 1.00pm Hotel (86783) 2.00 Geraldo (56305) 9.00 Court IV (6893) 3.90 Opah Wintrey (2929847) 4.15 Undum (7605493) 5.00 Star Trek (8883) 6.00 The Stressore (4764) 6.30 Lepopardyl (8344) impsons (4754) 6,30 Jeopardy! (8344) Simpsons (4764) 6.381 Jeopardy: (6344) 7.06 LAPO (1702) 7.30 MA*6*TH (4528) 8.00 3rd Rock from the Sun (7122) 8.30 Junny's (6257) 9.00 Walter, Texas Panger (84012) 10.00 Star Tick (17219) 11.00 Highlander (72832) 12.00 Late Snow with Highlander (72832) 12.00 Late Show with David Letterman (2006081) 12.45 am Civil Wars (6505642) 1.30 Anything But Love (79062) 2.00 Hit Max Long Play (7922082) SKY NEWS

News on the hour 9.30am Century (88344) 10.20 ABC Nightline (47948) 1.30pm CBS News (13590) 2.30 CBS News (23412) 3.30 Century (5122) 6.30 Tonight with Adam Boulton (31431) 7.30 Sportsine (29870) Boutton (31431) 7.30 Sportsine (29870) 8.30 Entertainment 11.30 CBS News (73832) 12.30mm ABC World News (15352) 1.30 Tonepht with Adam Boulton Repla (11807) 2.30 Worldwide Report (3360 3.30 Century (45449) 4.30 CBS Evenir News (50284) 5.30 ABC World No

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THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL 4.00em Thought for the Day 4.05 Worship 4.15 Kets TV 4.30 Cerman Tracs Two 5.00 Voice of Victory with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland 5.30 Christian Music 5.45 This Is Your Day with Benny Him 6.15 TEA 6.45

SKY SOAP 7.00mm Guiding Light (8853888) 7.95 As the World Turns (2951822) 8.50 Payton Place (7108986) 9.20 Days of Our Lives 10.10-11.00 Another SKY TRAVEL 11.00mm Globetones (6152794) 11.30

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FRIDAY MAY 31 1996

New ball upsets the established order on clay courts of French Open

Rusedski bows out in battle of big servers

felt and rubber. Although the

character of clay-court play

carries a special charm, the

improved scope for the volley-

er is to be welcomed. The

interminable rallies of a de-

cade or so ago were as unacceptable as Wimbledon's

three-shot equivalents. When

Bjorn Borg beat Guillermo Vilas in the Paris final of 1978,

the second point of the first

The luckless Solves proba-

bly hit barely that number of

strokes in the entire match. It

was a strange contrast: Mus-

ter grunting painfully on ev-

ery shot as though shifting

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ing silent, other than when

some unforced error would

draw from him a distinctively

French noise of disappoint-

ment. Mister, the No 2 seed.

now meets Adrian Voinea, of

The possible turning points for Rusedski in his match with

Stich came and went in the

Ivanisevic powerful

Romania.

game lasted 94 strokes.

THE debate is on. Will the faster, smaller tennis balls in use at the French Open championships produce a serve-and-volley winner such as Pete Sampras, Goran Ivanesevic, Michael Stich or Marc Rosset? The first, indeed, since Yannick Noah in 1983. The straight-sets win yesterday by Stich against Greg Rusedski, by 6-3, 7-5, 6-3, in the second round of the men's singles suggests that he could be one of those in the

The big-hearted, big-serving but limited Rusedski, Canadian-born of Ukrainian, Russian and Polish beritage but representing Great Britain, probably diminished his chance by not attacking the net. Stich's planned strategy of forcing him back worked all

After the five-set victory by Sampras, the No I seed, the previous day, when he beat Sergi Bruguera, the Spanish clay-court specialist, Ivanisevic yesterday whipped David Wheaton, another big server. 7-5, 6-2, 6-4. The evidence was

accumulating.
Thomas Muster, the defending champion, added to it with his comments after beating Gerard Solves, of France, for the loss of only four games. "I think they [the balls] might be a little lighter and faster," he said. "If it's warm like this, they fly more ... I just think that all the tournaments before the French Open should use the same ball. Otherwise, why would you play Hamburg and Rome as a prepara-tion if they use a different

Muster, who is hitting the ball as though he was carrying . snoulger-mortar, added ina he considered Paris to be the fastest of all clay-court events and that it can be advantageous to the serve-and-volleyer (by contrast, he tends to stay back and overwhelm opponents by devastating groundstroke power). Paris is as fast, he said, as the synthetic hard courts at the US Open. "It is the running that is

third and ninth games of the second set, in each of which he different," he sald, "because, on a hard court, you cannot had two break points. He had The balls, manufacturered another to break back for 4-3 by Dunlop-France, are 10 per in the third set, but, by then, cent faster because of reduc-tion in size to the legal mini-mum limit and because of Stich, the Wimbledon champion in 1991 and Grand Slam Cup-winner the next year, had technical development of the

the match fully in hand. Considering that, in Milan this year, while preparing to meet Guy Forget, Stich damaged the ankle that he had seriously injured in 1995 and underwent an operation, his form is better than he might have expected. For a tall man

— 6ft 4in — he has excellent
mobility and the patience and stability to play the slower clay-court game. Yet it was his service that proved too much

Without being patronising, Stich, who at 27 is five years the older, said that he had felt that Rusedski was unsure how he should tactically play the match. "I was surprised he stayed back as much, didn't come in to volley," Stich said. "His game is based on serve and is dangerous on fast surfaces. To have a chance, he's got to play serve-and-

volley."

At 1-1 in the second set, two forced errors found Stich at 30-40, which he saved with a drive-volley. A good backhand return and Stich's netted halfvolley gave Rusedski another game point, which Stich retrieved with a first service. There were five more deuces, on all of them Stich having advantage, before he levelled

A perfect, dipping backhand service return gave Rusedski 40-15 at 4-4, but again two first services came to Stich's rescue. Significantly, he was able to broduce his best strokes when under pressure, a quality that Rusedski could not match. Rusedski managed to save two set points at 6-5; on the third, Stich outplayed him.

"If he plays like that through the tournament, he has a chance [of winning]," Rusedski said. "He seemed to tire in the second set, but played great break points. For



me, it was a positive experience, but I have to learn how to win the big points." He added that Brian Teacher, his new coach, the American who is working with him on an experimental basis, had improved his backhand and that he had been trying to keep up the hopes of his adopted nation. If he serves well, he thinks that anything is possible at Wimbledon, Such nov meets Mikael Tillström, of Sweden, with a prospective confrontation with Muster in

the last 16. Ivanisevic, the No 5 seed. wearing that hawk-like expression that must intimidate his prey, produced an all-court game to snuff out Wheaton. in the previous round. Wheaton had hit 19 aces. Now, little

the No 4 seed, whom he is scheduled to meet in the

work. Just when it

seemed that he might flicker

into life, with a break back for

4-1 in the third set, Ivanisevic

produced a stunning back-

hand pass, a fine forehand

volley and a backhand cross-

court return of service to reach

a warning for Chang,

Would

Building society sponsors league

By Peter Ball

THE Football League may be the poor relation in English football these days, but the sums going into the nation's second league next season would happily be grabbed by several other leading sports. A new 55.25 million spons-

orship deal over three years was agreed between the league and Nationwide Building Society yesterday to add to the new television deal with Sky, which will earn the league £125 million over five

The sums may not prevent the gap between the Premier League and the rest becoming unbridgeable, but they should ensure, at the least, that the league remains viable in its

own terms.
Nationwide Building Society, who replace Endsleigh Insurance as the league's sponsor, clearly think so. The Nationwide Football League has a ring to it that Endsleigh never achieved, and it is a statement of fact. The Football League may lack the glamour and hype of the FA Carling Premiership, but the country's oldest league covers the nation

from Carlisle to Plymouth. "Nationwide's outlook is very close to our own because any national league, despite its competitive nature, has to operate in the best interests of

its members," Gordon McKeag, the Football League president, said yesterday. The reach and geographical spread of both Nationwide and league football also demonstrates that we have common interests deeply rooted in the fabric of local communities up and down the country. It would be difficult to imagine a more perfect combination."

Barclays enjoyed perhaps the most rewarding football sponsorship of all time during their six years until the greed of the big clubs tore the Football League apart. Nationwide might not quite match that, but it could enjoy relative success.

"Nationwide is an organisation with strong roots in the community," Brian Davis, Nationwide's chief executive. said. "We are always looking at ways of promoting awareness of the benefits we can offer and I believe this deal represents good value for both Nationwide and the Football

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Athletes may avoid ban after drug tests

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By JOHN GOODBODY

MORE than 200 of Great Britain's Olympic competitors will undergo special drugs testing before Atlanta, but. even if some of them are found positive, they will not be barred from taking part in the

Games.
Although the British Olympic Association (BOA) believes that the new, highly-sensitive equipment at St Thomas' Hospital, London, may catch some competitors, it also fears a successful legal challenge, because the machine has yet to be accepted fully by the Inter-national Olympic Committee

The Sports Council said yesterday that two sets of tests will be carried out by Dr David Cowan, the head of the IOC-accredited laboratory at King's College London, as part of an enhanced out-of-

competition programme. The first will be at King's, which does not own a high resolution mass spectrometer, that will cost £300,000 to install. The other tests will be on the new machine at St Thomas' and will cost the BOA and Sports Council about £7,000.

A Sports Council spokes-woman said: "If anyone is found positive at King's, then that competitor will be barred from going to Atlanta. How-ever, if the positive is declared at St Thomas, then only the national governing body of that athlete will be informed."

The BOA hopes that the competitor will then withdraw from the Games to save himself and the team from possible embarrassment Atlanta, where the highlysensitive mass spectrometer will be used on all samples. However, it is still question-able whether the IOC will act

on the results. The new equipment can detect banned substances in lower concentrations and more retrospectively. Competitors who have taken drugs several months before can be

iwo montus ago. Ajan, the secretary of the International Weightlifting Federation, announced that II competitors had tested positive using the conventional machine. When the high-tech mass spectrometer was employed, however, this figure

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Ramprakash opens century account

LORD'S (first day of four; Middlesex won toss): Middlesex have scored 322 for five against Yorkshire

WHEN Mark Ramprakash sparkles as he did here, adorning the first proper day of summer with wonderful strokes, his inability to establish himself as a Test batsman can bring only regrets. To make his first century of the season, he had to play well, and he did, building his innings from a wary start to dominate the bowlers completely before Hartley bowled

He has never played like this for England, and it is unlikely now that he ever will.

People who do not take their have wondered how England chances find future opportuni-could afford not to pick a ties withdrawn. After his miserable time against West Indies last summer and his temperamental problems during the winter in South Africa, Ramprakash is no longer in

the selectors' thoughts. Yet had an overseas visitor walked into Lord's, he might shire did not bowl poorly and Ramprakash had the measure of them all. The day lost some of its bloom when he was out. Of his 21 boundaries, the three that took him to the brink of his century were the

batsman who commands such

a wide range of strokes. York-

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

Total (5 wkts, 104 overs) ARC Fraser, RA Fay, PC R Tufnell and D Follett to bat.

LORD'S SCOREBOARD FALL OF WICKETS 1-5, 2-35, 3-135, 4-182, 5-265. BOWLING: Gough 20-5-55-1; Hartley 20-7-49-2; Silverwood 17-6-58-1; White 16-2-63-1, Morris 8-2-30-0, Stemp 21-6-83-0; Bovan 2-0-10-0

YORKSHRE: "D Byas, M P Vaughen, M G Bevan, A McCroth, C White, JR J Blakey, A C Morns, P J Harrley, D Gough, C E W Silverwood, R D Stemp Bonus points: Middlesex 3, Yorkshire 2.

most memorable. In the same over from Süverwood, he pushed one ball back past the bowler, flicked another through mid-wicket and, best of all, eased a third to extra

The day needed a touch of class after Harrison, making his championship debut, laboured through 46 overs for 37. Weekes went early to Hartley and Pooley was bowled, offering no stroke to Gough, so Harrison had cause to be cautious.

After Harrison had shared 100 for the third wicket with Ramprakash. Gatting's innings was brief. Carr stayed to reach stumps on 58.

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Come in Brewster, your time is up

amantha Brewster, who is attempting to become the first woman to sail solo non-stop around the world against the prevailing winds and currents, is facing an unexpected obstacle in Chay Blyth, who wants his boat back before she will have had a chance to complete a circumnavigation.

In order to qualify for the record. Brewster is having to sail north from the Cape of Good Hope as far as Cape Finisterre off the coast of Spain and return south to Santos in Brazil from where she was forced to restart her voyage in early January after putting in for repairs.

Blyth, whose company, the Challenge Business, has rented the 67ft yacht to Heath Insured, Brewster's sponsor, only until the end of July. wants her to forget about Brazil and come straight back into Southampton. This would mean that her

Edward Gorman finds record-chaser all at sea as Blyth demands boat back

voyage would not qualify as a record since she would not have covered the distance required by the World Sailing Speed Record Council. Blyth, however, who was the first to complete a non-

stop westward circumnavigation in 1972, is adamant that this voyage should not continue longer than necessary. "It's ridiculous trying to break a record from Santos to Santos," he said yesterday. "I mean, where the hell is Santos? I wish I'd never heard of

"We'd like the boat. She will still have sailed around the world single-handed, although not non-stop, and that is still an amazing achievement for a lady, going against the prevaiing winds and currents: but if she goes all the

way down to Santos, it'll cause us problems."

Blyth, who rented the boat out for around £350,000, has it earmarked for an important promotional tour of the United States, which is supposed



to begin in September. This will follow a substantial refit lasting about 12 weeks, when it will be repainted in the livery of Toshiba, the Japanese electronics giant. If Brewster does go down to

Santos, she may not arrive until August; it will take another six weeks to get back. Brewster, who has fought bravely to keep her voyage on course, is off west Africa, struggling in rainy weather without much wind as she tries to weigh up her options. John Mackenzie-Green, the chief executive of Heath In-

sured, said: "If that lot [The Challenge Business says she's got to come back early. I'll fight them tooth and nail." Mackenzie-Green will let Brewster make up her mind. With Brewster now about four weeks from Finisterre, a final decision will have to be made soon. If she does go to Brazil, it will be a great and

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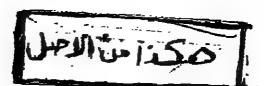


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Clinton surrenders memos to head off Congress clash

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S aides narrowly averted another batch of damaging headlines yesterday by partially acceding to a congressional demand for subpoensed Travelgate documents just hours before a vote to hold the White House in contempt of Congress.

The President's lawyers turned over some, but not all, the documents that the House committee investigating the dismissal in 1993 of the White House travel office had been demanding. William Clinger, the committee's Republican chairman, immediately postponed the House vote sched-uled for last night while he reviewed the documents.

After Tuesday's convictions of Mr Clinton's former Whitewater business partners on fraud charges, the last thing the President needed was a high-profile clash with Congress on another issue with scandalous overtones.

The committee has been investigating issues related to the travel office dismissals, including whether Hillary Clinton or her aides sought to cover up the First Lady's role in those dismissals, and whether the White House improperly used the FBI or Internal Revenue Service to investigate the office's seven

The subpoenaed documents included memoranda to the President and memoranda discussing Mr and Mrs Clinton's confidential testimony to mer presidential aides -

Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor. Mr Clinton had refused to surrender the documents, claiming executive privilege. On Wednesday Mike McCurry, the President's press secretary. protested that the White House had turned over 40,000 documents and claimed Mr Clinger "all but wants the rolls

of toilet paper in the men's

Starr: releasing FBI files on First Lady

room". Mr Clinger responded by accusing Mr Clinton of claiming executive privilege in an attempt to "cover up a scandal having no connection with any national security or vital domestic issue". Had last night's vote gone ahead, it would have authorised Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, to seek criminal charges against Jack Quinn, the White House counsel, and two for-

David Watkins and Matt Moore - who were involved in the dismissals.

It was Mr Watkins who had claimed Mrs Clinton had ordered the dismissals and quoted her as saying: "We need those people out - we need our people in." Mrs Clinton has denied that she ordered the dismissals.

In another potential headache for the White House, Mr Starr has reportedly agreed to give the Senate Whitewater committee access to an FBI analysis of fingerprints found on billing records detailing the legal work Mrs Clinton did for Madison Guaranty, the corrupt bank at the heart of the Whitewater affair, in the

The records were subpor-naed, went missing for two years, then reappeared in the White House private quarters in January. Republicans suspect they may have been spirited from the office of Vincent Foster, the deputy White House counsel, after his 1993 suicide, and want to know who took them. The FBI has reportedly identified Mrs Clinton's fingerprints, but the White House said that proved nothing as they were her

records to begin with. In a separate developmen the Justice Department filed a brief to the Supreme Court supporting Mr Clinton's request that the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit against him be delayed until



The sun is going down on "passion pits". Once a beacon of Americana, a steep decline in audiences has forced many such movie theatres to close

End of the road for America's drive-in movies

From Quentin Letts

in new york
DRIVE-IN movie theatres, a beacon of Americana since the 1940s and scene of countless first kisses, are on the brink of extinction.

This week, the traditional start of the summer cinema season, brought news of the impending closure of another legendary drive in, the Winnetka in California's San Fernando Valley. Once the drivein capital of the United States, one. In the 1950s, Fresno had a multitude of "passion pits" with dreamy names such as the Sunset, Moon-Glo and Starlite. Now its last drive-in is to be buildozed.

for the decline inferior sound quality; commuters not wanting to spend any more time in eir cars; the disappearance of the spacious front-bench seat of old gas-guzzlers that made courting comfortable.

Tuisa, Okiahoma, where an evening at the drive-in was one of the few things that kept young lovers sane during the 1950s and 1960s, has only one drive-in left. The Admiral I'win Theatre last week celebrated its 45th birthday with free cake and has hopes of

becoming a state landmark in five years. That would bring in public heritage funds. America's first drive-in opened in 1933, in New Jersey, and in the late 1950s there

were more than 4,000 across the country, on the edges of the big towns where sodium bulbs gave way to moonlight.

Chan Wood, of Pacific Theatres, owner of the doomed Winnetka, said: "Drive-in theatres sit on approximately 30 acres of property. Two-thirds of the time, this property is not being utilised at all."

Drive-ins tried to modernise. Sound systems were improved, and film dialogue can now be transmitted through cheaper, and there can be the excitement of the weather. Last week a Midwest drive in audience watching the thriller Twister was given a taste of the real thing when a tornado

Urban sprawl has robbed many drive-in sites of their edge-of-town charm, with the scent of orange blossom replaced by concrete dust. As custom falls, the giant screens are being dismanded for ever.

Gain from working with TV pain

BY QUENTIN LETTS

STAFF at a US television station have been paid bonuses to compensate for the misery of working with a demanding news presenter.

Kristin Jeannette-Meyers, a news anchorwoman for Court TV, made life unusually difficult for her colleagues. She took ages in make-up, would leave the set if displeased. betrayed a quick temper and deher appear as tall as her co-anchor.

her name during the O. J. Simpson trial, has been lured away from the legal news station by the CBS network -- but her departure has also brought compensation for her former workmates. In recognition of what they had to endure, they got bonuses of \$750 (£500) each.

The payments were ordered by Steven Brill, head of Court TV, after he was told of the studio tensions. manded a chair which would make. Not that the viewers noticed. Miss. office farewells at which the expres Jeannette-Meyers merely seemed Her competitive zeal paid off — the epitome of cool efficiency, and colleague's new job were heartfelt.

the studio technicians resisted low tactics such as camera wobble and focus drift. Mr Brill was so grateful for their forebearance that he divided up \$15,000 that Miss Jeannette-Meyer's new employer paid to Court TV as compensation for "poaching" her. He acknowledged the "pain and suffering" of staff who worked with her.
She left the station last week. It

was, reportedly, one of those rare sions of delight at the departing



Jeannette-Meyers: demanding

Ron Brown crash officers sacked

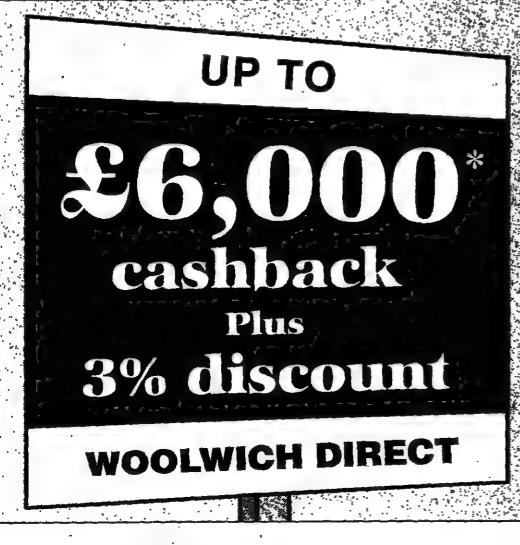
Washington: The commanders of the US Air Force unit responsible for the military flight that crashed in Croatia, killing Ron Brown, the Commerce Secretary, have been relieved of their duties. Major-General Charles

Hefiebower, commander of the Seventh Air Force, lost confidence in the three officers "as a result of facts developed during the investigation" of the crash, an air force spokesman said. (AFP)

US aerospace museum spurns British candidate

Washington: The leading contend-er to become director of the world's most visited museum has been spurned by its American governing body because he is British. Ted Inman, the respected aviation expert and director of the Imperial War Museum at Dunford, Cambridgeshire, is said to have sought the directorship of the National Air and Space Museum in Washington. because "we need a director who

tution, and experts believe he is highly qualified for the job, the museum's Board of Regents objected to a foreign citizen being placed in charge of its most famous archive. Thad Cochran, a Mississippi Republican senator and Smithsonian Regent, said he was one of several people to object Although Mr Inman, 48, has the reflects American sentiment and support of Michael Heyman, the American values".

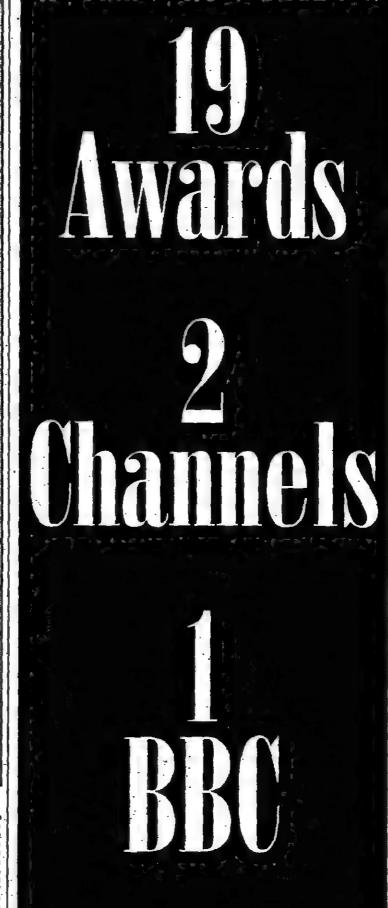


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Sharansky assured of powerful role

AMID the confusion, one sure winner in Israel's elections is Natan Sharansky, the former Soviet Jewish dissident. His party may be a key player in the next government, whoever

Mr Sharansky achieved a breakthrough that surprised even his most optimistic supporters when his new and impecunious party, Israel Bealiya, won six or seven seats in the new Knesset, giving it a potentially pivotal role in the formation of the coalition which will govern the country

Ten years after being re-leased from Moscow's notorious Lefortovo jail in an East-West spy swap, Mr Sharan-sky's rise reflects the political weight of former Soviet Jews, who now number about one in six of the Israeli population. Highly trained as engineers and scientists, many have had to settle for lesser jobs in the Jewish state, although some 87 per cent have expressed a wish to stay rather than move

Mr Sharansky has promised to fight inside the Knesset, and probably the Cabinet, to



secure them better education and reasonably priced housing. "My ambition is to reshape Israeli society so that it will attract the one million other Soviet Jews who could still come here in the next five years," he said.

In the early hours of yesterday, the vodka was flowing at Israel Bealiya headquarters, while the main parties were plunged into rollercoaster rides of emotion between elation and despair. "We have created a miracle," said Yuri Edelshtein, another former dissident who is the party's number three.

Mr Sharansky, who served nine years of a 13-year sentence on a trumped-up charge

be closer on security issues to the Likud leader, Binyamin Netanyahu, who is also a personal friend, than to Shimon Peres, the incumbent leader. However, yesterday he offered to open coalition nego-tiations with either Likud or Labour on Sunday, once the official result of the prime ministerial race has been Once an international symbol of the individual's struggle

against totalitarianism, Mr Sharansky (whose defiant last words to the Moscow court that sentenced him were "next year in Jerusalem"), has emerged as a symbol of hope for more than 800,000 Soviet immigrants who want a full place in Israeli society.

Gaza City: The likely victory of Mr Netanyahu is a declaration of war against the Arabs, the Palestinian militant group Hamas said yesterday.

of spying for the CIA, said: "For the first time, new immi-

grants will be part of the

Unlike many other Israeli politicians, he is a genuine hero figure, respected at all

levels of Israeli society, who secured votes even outside the

large former Soviet commun-

ity. "I believe in Sharansky's

honesty and integrity," said

one English-speaking Jew.

Sharansky represents all of

us who come from abroad and

are outsiders in Israeli society.

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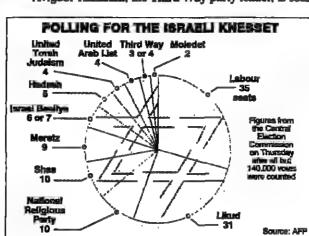
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lecision-making process."

"The Israelis don't want peace. The results are a shock for the whole world, including the Palestinians," Razi Muhammad, a Hamas leader in



Avigdor Kahalani, the Third Way party leader, is soaked with champagne after winning up to four Knesset seats



FOR the first time, Israelis roted in two ballots, one for a Prime Minister and the other for a party. The result has been a more broad-based Knessel than ever before with the major parties losing seats

cally based, political groups. In previous elections Israelis tended to vote more for the biggest parties because this was the best way to influence who became Prime Minister, while a vote for a minor party may have been wasted.

Clinton puts brave face on public support for Peres

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER

THE apparent victory of Binyamin Netanyahu in Israel's election, if confirmed.

President Clinton, who had all but endorsed Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister. To have so publicly backed the loser would be embarrassing, and although Israeli and American leaders have no choice but to work together,

given the importance of their strategic relationship, Mr Clinton well knows how difficult it is to forgive foreign interference in an election. In 1992 Conservative Party officials caused resentment among Mr Clinton's supporters by working for George Bush's re-election and, when Mr Chinton won, the so-called "special

relationship" suffered. Mr Netanyahu's accession would also slow the USbrokered Middle East peace process, which Mr Clinton considers one of his biggest foreign policy successes. That. in turn, would make it unlikely that Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, would stay in a second Clinton Administration. He wanted to retire in 1994, but kept going in the hope of achieving an Israeli-Syrian peace accord. Mr Clinton put on a brave face yesterday. "Whatever the result, the US will continue its

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policy of support for the people of Israel, for the democratic process there and for the process of peace," he said.

US policy would remain the same. "If Israel is prepared to take risks for peace, we are determined to do our best to reduce the risks and increase the security of those who do

Mr Clinton had backed Mr Peres aimost as blatantly as he is backing the re-election of President Yeltsin in Russia. As recently as Tuesday, he said the choice Israelis faced was whether they want to pursue the peace process or not".

Before that he lavished praise on Mr Peres during his April visit to Washington and offered Israel state-of-the-art missile defences that it had long sought. He refrained from criticising the recent Israeli attacks on southern Lebanon that killed many civilians, and in March orchestrated an international anti-terrorism summit to help defuse Israeli anger at a wave of suicide bombings.

Judith Kipper, a Middle East expert at Washington's Centre for Strategic and International Studies, said such interference by America in an Israeli election was unprecedented, and had been "a clear miscalculation".

Knesset's ayatollahs threaten lifestyle

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BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

MEIR ASHER, a plump and amiable Jewish immigrant from former Yugoslavia, surveyed the non-kosher goods lining the shelves of his bustling delicatessen near the centre of Jerusalem and told anxious-looking customers: "You had better buy everything quick. Those religious maniacs will soon ban my pork and shrimps."

His concern about an impending change in the rela-tively relaxed lifestyle in the Jewish state under its recent

REACTION

Labour Government was reflected at many levels of a society bracing itself for an unprecedented wave of enforced Jewish religious norms. These are expected to arise from the influence of the 24 religious members returned to the fourteenth knesset, the highest total in Israel's 48-year history.

A pointer was provided by Yitzhak Levy, a senior mem-ber of the National Religious Party, whose strength went from six to ten seats.

"We will avoid religious legislation that is not necessary, but we will certainly want to influence, at least in the educational sphere and other areas, the Jewishness of the country," he said.

A rights campaigner, Shulamit Aloni, has dismissed the religious parties' bearded leaders as "Israeli Khomeinis".

But in the smart French Hill suburb of Jerusalem. where ultra-Orthodox Jews have started taking flats, a young Labour supporter was speculating that soon secular female residents might be subject to "modesty patrols" imilar to those in the Mea Shearim neighbourhood, the main ultra-Orthodox district. There, women showing bare arms or legs are often stoned

by black-hatted Jews. The anxiety felt by almost half the population about the election results and the belated change in poll predictions indicating a possible victory for Binyamin Netanyahu, the right-wing challenger, was voiced most eloquently by one of his most bitter political and ideological enemies, Leah Rabin, the widow of Yitzhak our Prime Minister.

As soon as it emerged that Shimon Peres, her husband's successor, might lose, she told Israel television: "All I can do is look at where I keep my suitcases, and I feel like packing them and disappearing from here very quickly. It is that bad." Many young Israeii leftwingers and peace supporters said that they had considered emigrating.

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*FBI follows arms trail to Peking officials

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

American Federal Bureau of Investigation posing as Miami gangsters were astounded when their contacts acting for Chinese arms companies indicated just before their arrest last week that they could offer mortars, rocket-launchers. machineguns and hand-held surface to air missiles.

threat

The FBI men believed them. The seven objects of their "sting" had already delivered \$4 million (£2.64 million) of Chinese AK47 automatic rifles and ammunition.

"It's quite a thought," a Washington official said, musing about the missiles. There you are, landing at Miami airport, and down below some hastard who's failed to blackmail the airline which flies your jumbo has you in his

The FBI has arrested seven suspects in the operation, which was triggered too soon to catch the biggest Pekingbased fish because American newspapers were preparing to divulge details. Arrest warrants have been issued for seven more, including two senior officials at Norinco, a state-owned firm which supplies weapons to the People's Liberation Army and is under the control of the State Council, chaired by Li Peng, the Prime Minister.

The US agency has also accused another firm. Polytechnologies, of involvement. This is an army enterprise headed by He Ping. a son-inlaw of Deng Xiaoping, the senior leader.

Both firms immediately described claims that they were involved in the arms deal

EVEN hardened agents of the and smuggling as "sheer speculation" - the standard reaction in Peking to foreign

allegations of wrong-doing. However, instead of a blanket denial, Shen Guofang, the Foreign Ministry spokesman. said: "The most important thing to do at the moment is to look into the case before doing anything else."

A US spokesman has said Washington hopes the affair will not further complicate bilateral relations because it was "merely criminal".

Even if the People's Liberation Army is proved to have been involved, the Government may not be. During the Iran-Iraq war, Chinese weapons were used by both sides. Foreign experts believe that the Politburo and the Foreign Ministry were unaware of those sales.

The line that connects the army and the Government. however, is the party, and if questions are asked about its involvement, Mr Shen will have a harder time denying complicity. About a quarter of those on the Central Committee are army officers.

It is now common among Western specialists to refer to the army as PLA Inc. About 10.000 firms - not including those in the arms trade -- are admitted to be under the army's management. There are, in fact, many more. Five years ago the CIA put the army's non-weapons earnings at \$5 billion a year.

But much of the activity is corrupt and profits army commanders and their civilian accomplices, many of whom are in the party and the Government.



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Mitterrand: defended by

Mitterrand daughter fights back

FROM SUBAN BELL IN PARIS

MAZARINE PINGEOT, the illegitimate daughter of Fran-cois Mitterrand, the late President, has granted her first interview to Paris Match, France's best-known weekly magazine. She berates the French media as "unscrupulous" and pays homage to her father as "a humanist", and "a self-taught man of the Left" who led a "model life".

France learnt of her existence less than two years ago when the magazine was re-sponsible for "revealing" what the chattering classes had known for years when it published photographs of the student with Ali, her North

African boyfriend.

Mile Pingeot, 21, daughter of Mitterrand's long-term mistress, Anne Pingeot, said she agreed to the interview to publicise the opening of the Institut François Mitterrand of which she is a founding member. Its mission is to contribute to the knowledge of contemporary French political and social history". Tens of thousands of political papers dating back to before the Second World War and in-cluding his terms in office will be available to researchers.

US envoy accused on Bosnia weapons

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

PETER GALBRAITH, the American Ambassador to Cro-atia and a scion of the Demo-cratic establishment, yes-terday became the target of a renewed Republican assault on President Clinton and a possible diplomatic casualty of the Bosnian war.

After three years in Zagreb, Mr Galbraith faced the glaring publicity of a congressional hearing into allegations that he and Charles Redman. the American special envoy to the former Yugoslavia, had followed the bidding of their Washington masters and helped to introduce a covert Iranian arms smuggling pipeline to Bosnian government forces as early as 1994.

After 14 years as a senior staff member on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the son of the famous economist, John Kenneth Galbraith, had made all the right connec-tions before he was sent to

Zagreb in 1993. All that has changed with revelations of his role in the shipment of Iranian arms to Bosnia at a time when the Clinton Administration, officially at least, maintained to both Congress and the allies that it was abiding by the terms of a United Nations arms embargo in the Balkans.

The White House has been eager, in advance of November's elections, to distance President Clinton from the process and Mr Galbraith apparently has been thrown to the congressional lions. Many in Washington now believe it unlikely that the Oxford and Harvard-educated Mr Galbraith will gain another post even under a second Clinton Administration.

Western Sahara peace bid starts to crumble

Rabat: United Nations efforts as voters 50,000 people with to avert renewed conflict in Western Sahara have begun to collapse after a Security Council vote to suspend regis-tration of the native Sahrawi people for a referendum on self-determination (Mark

Huband writes).
The registration process has been blocked since disagreement between Morocco and the Polisario Front, after Morocco's attempts to register

dubious links to the territory. The Polisario Front is seeking the independence of the former Spanish colony.

A UN mandate to organise

the vote expired yesterday. but has been renewed until November 30. A UN military operation to monitor a 1991 ceasefire will be reduced from 288 to 230 observers, and most of the 40 UN civilian police will be withdrawn.

Chefs honour Proust in remembrance of fine repast

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN ILLIERS-COMBRAY

FRANCE'S twin obsessions with great writing and good have come together in the Eure et Loir region, south-west of Paris, where more than 40 local chefs have launched a gastro-literary cru-sade entitled A table avec Marcel Proust.

Throughout this month. restaurants in the region where Proust spent his summers have been offering a range of dishes based on those lovingly described in his masterpiece. A la Recherche du Temps Perdu (Remembrance of Things Pust).

Despite his ill health, Proust's appetite was remark-ably robust and Anne Borrel, Secretary-General of the Marcel Proust Society, has filleted his great novel to come up with a vast array of delicacies, including Boeuf à la mode. Asperges à toutes les sauces and, of course, the memorysuffused madeleines. Proust's simple but sub-stantial dishes could hardly

be further removed from nouveile cuisine, and those who find his prose occasionally hard to digest might feel the same about some of the 15 different menus drawn up in honour of the great writer. The project kicked off last

month, for example, with a

dyspensia-defying banquet of six courses, each with its relevant quotation. Some restanare offering Proust dishes, while others provide entire menus with titles such

as "The Uncle Jules", "The

pois Dinner". Roast Swann is culinary tastes were, as Mme not on offer, although many dishes are named Proust's character.

The current campaign revive old-fashioned French cuisine would have found favour with Proust, whose

Borrel explains, firmly in the

traditional bourgeois" camp. Few writers have better appreciated the link between food and words. Indeed, after a particularly toothsome dinner in 1909. Proust wrote a

Table for three: Jeremy Irons, centre, Alain Delon and Ornella Muti in Swann in Love, based on Proust's work

note to his cook, Céline Cotin. wondering whether his writing would live up to her cooking. "I hope," he wrote, "that my style is as brilliant, clear and solid as your aspic - that my ideas are as flavourful as While waiting to complete my own work. I congratulate you

on yours." Illiers-Combray, 15 miles from Chartres, where Proust spent his summers at "the house of Tante Leonie" and which he immortalised in his work, is the centre of the

campaign to put Proust on the ulinary map. Where, at Le Florent restaurait opposite the church often referred to by Swann, Herry Priolet, the chef, is

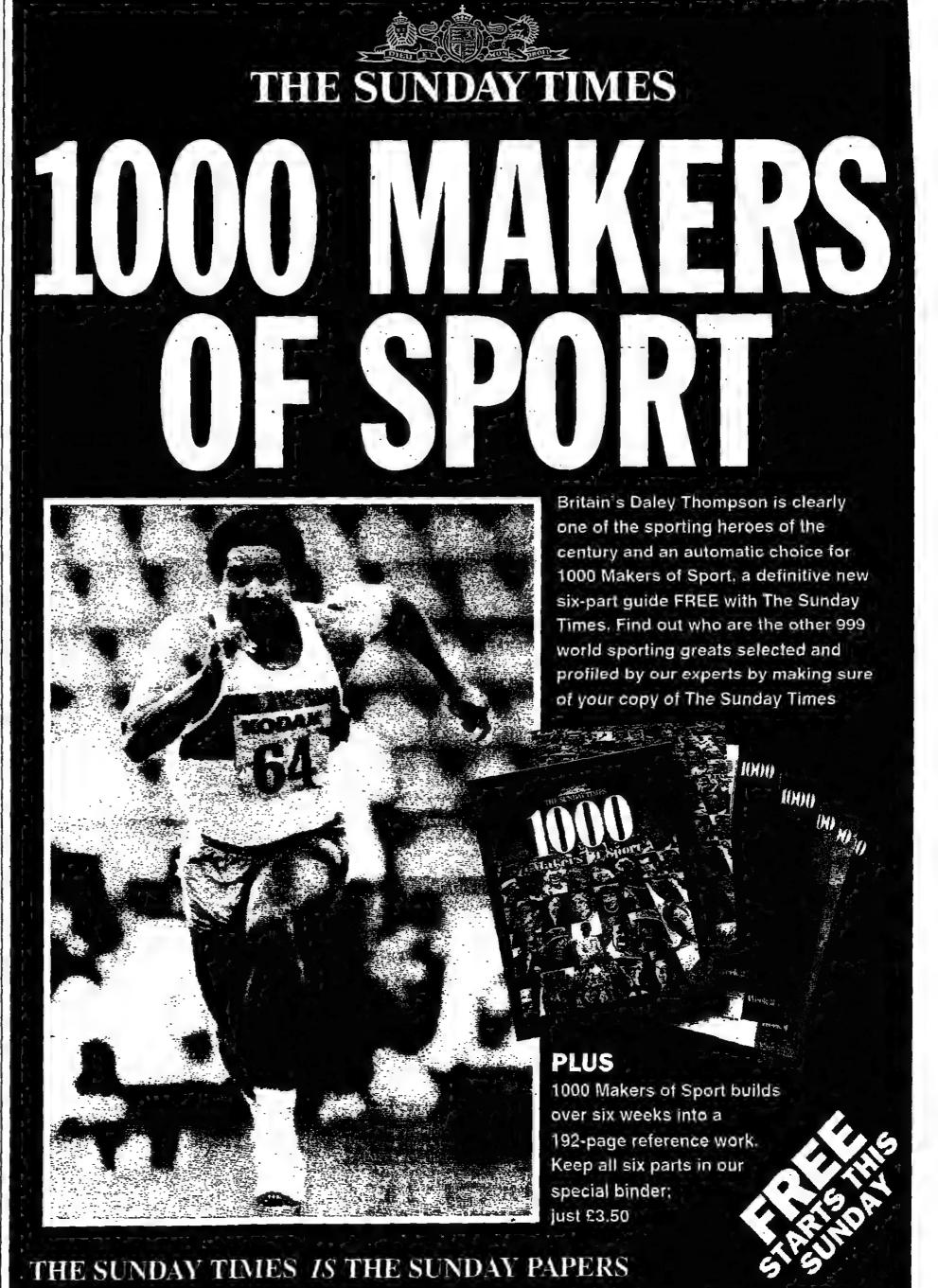
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oured thing we are eating asked Ski.

That is called strawbery mousse," said Mme Verdun,

"It's fan-tas-tic." The Dining with Prop project has proved so popul that a second edition is ready being planned at Mme Borrel has brought o a cookbook entitled Prou. The Rediscovered Cuisin with chef Alain Senderens.



Face to face with 'the most beautiful' Fox brother

Life, love and mid-life crisis, by Robert Fox

I was pregnant with child meer three. With the first ou put on too much pre-tree, the second is a rebel /a mystery; but the third of and leave alone. So the that grows up much the most rexed and normal and enily himself."

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VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

Redgraves, Paul Scoffeld. Leslie Grade, father of Michael, was Robert's godfather. As Angela has written, all her famous sons have, in turn, astonished and exasperated her with their fallings in and out of love and fame.

She was a giddy young thing herself once, daughter of "Glitters" Worthington, a doctor's wife, and the playwright Freddy Lonsdale. At RADA, she inspired Noël Coward's song Don't Put Your Daughter On the Stage Mrs Wor thington, as the Miss Worthington whose bust was definitely too developed for het

She never dreamt that her eldest son Edward would ever be able to act; William (known as James) was the one with natural talent - and he confounded everyone by abandoning his film fame to join the evangelical Christian group The Navigators. When Robert was at Har-

row, James seemed the pinnacle of glamour and the epitome of Swinging London. "He used to drive up to the school in summer in his purple Lotus Elan, the height of chic. It would annoy and impress the

other boys in equal measure." Robert could not under-

"I thought he was mad. He cut himself off from all of us and his past in a way that was inexplicable to those closest to him. And in doing so hurt a great many people. But it was obviously what he had to do. He was leaving one reality and creating another. And now he has come back, and he is a very strong family man,

father of five and a very good

Angela tells (in her memoir Slightly Foxed) of going to watch Robert playing cricket at Harrow one day. Bored by the cricket, she went indoors to watch Wimbledon in the housemaster's study. And on the television screen she saw, in the royal box next to Princess Marina, the unmistakable figure of her husband Robin. "Thus did I learn of his friendship with this elegant royal lady ... I was the last

woman in London to know." Despite everything, the Fox parents stayed together for 35 years, until his death from cancer in 1971. "My father never flaunted his infidelity,"

> 'If you could bottle hits, we'd all do them'

Robert says. "it's my mother who has turned him into this famous Lothario."

Robin told his youngest son that if he rejected university he would have to fend for himself. So Robert went to the Royal Court and got himself his first pher Hampton's When Did You Last See My Mother? He found his own performance

Instead he joined the impresario Michael White in producing a string of hits: The Rocky Horror Show, A Chorus Line, Annie; and also the occasional flop (Corpse, The Sloane Ranger Revue). "If you could bottle the alchemy that made a hit, nobody would ever do anything else. Until everything comes together on the first night, you really never know. It's utterly elusive, and scary, and unique. You open and close in a night, or run ten

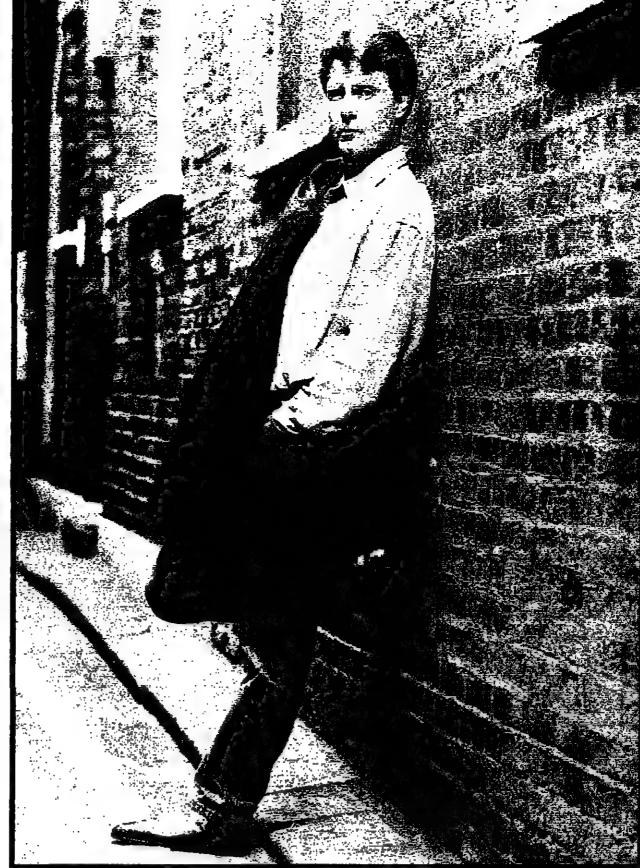
He went solo in 1981: Anyone For Denis? Another Country, Lettice and Lovage, and dozens more since. Turning to film production happened by chance when he ran into the writer Trevor Bentham, taking tea at the Waldorf with Nicholas Hytner and Nigel Hawthorne. Bentham told him about A Month by the Lake.

Fox read it and thought it ideal for his then mother-inlaw, Vanessa; she suggested brother Edward to play opposite her — the obvious choice, as a repressed English major. Having asked John Irvin to

direct, Robert set about trying to raise the money in Britain. Hopeless. "The BBC and Channel 4 turned us down. God forbid," he says, "that they should back an oldfashioned romantic love story about people over the age of 50." It was Harvey Weinberg Miramax (Enchanted April, The Crying Game, My Left Foot) who wrote the cheque. "So the chance of

it in this country vanishes." Off they all went for eight weeks' shooting on Lake Como in May 1994. Luckily, al-

anyone making a profit out of



The third brother. Robert Fox has spent a life surrounded by theatre people and falling in and out of love and fame

though Robert had by now separated from Natasha Richardson, he had remained friends with Vanessa. "And Natasha was getting married in America at the end of our schedule, and I had to be the one to tell Vanessa she couldn't go to the wedding because we were running out of time and totally professional about it."

Such is the kind of glorious muddle that the two most famous showbusiness dynasties must by now be accus-tomed to. Robert had left his first wife Celestia, mother of his children Chloe, Sam and Louisa, when he fell in love with Natasha Richardson while producing The Seagull. After three years together, they married, whereupon Natasha left him for Liam Neeson.

Robert was utterly dis-traught. He was in the midst of producing The Importance of Being Earnest with Maggie Smith. It was, he says, a classic mid-life crisis at the age

> 'Freudian analysis — it drove me bloody mental'

of 40, and he went to a psychotherapist. "I do recommend it. To talk to someone completely objective, not emo-tionally involved in your life, allows you to say things you would never say to a friend. It is very constructive," He was so impressed he went on into Freudian analysis "which lasted about three sessions. Lying on the bloody bed, not getting any response at all drove me absolutely mental. So that was that."

As he discovered, nothing makes you feel better about loss except finding someone else — which he did: Fiona Golfar, Vogue contributing editor. They had first met when she was 17, but then met again at a weekend house-party. "I think it was 1994 ---Joe was born in July 1995."

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(Their baby son, and Natasha's by Neeson, were born within a fortnight of each other.) Robert and Fiona married in February, and live in a pretty house in Shepherds Bush near where Robert plays tennis at the Vanderbilt.

n the new film, there is a Vanessa takes on Edward Fox, both aged 59, complete with wooden 1930s rackets. A nightmare to shoot." Robert says. "With tennis, the camera is never in the right place. Every time we began, it would start raining. Until finally Miramax said they would pull the plug on the money if we weren't out of there that afternoon, and John Irvin was screaming. 'If I don't

film — so they just managed to finish the game on the last day." I shall not divulge the outcome but you may remember that the statuesque Vanessa played Renée Richards, and the match is reminiscent of the Billie Jean King/Bobby Riggs match.

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theatre, although he says it is increasingly difficult to do his kind of play — as the habit of going to plays "in a West End which is not a pleasant or comfortable place to visit wanes. This autumn, he is taking David Hare's Skylight to New York; bringing over the New York hit Callas; and producing Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? with Diana Rigg and David Suchet at the

Almeida in September. There will also be another film, to be shot in Ireland, of Cecil Day-Lewis's The Private Wound. directed by his daughter Tamasin Day-Lewis, with Ciaran Hinds.

"Putting things together," he says, "is like doing jigsaw puzzles. I started learning this when I would sit in my father's office or at home listening to him doing business on the phone. It's always the same: manoeuvring people, dealing with personalities and gently. firmly cajoling and encourag-ing them towards a pen they don't necessarily want to be herded into. And of course. talking about money. I never thought this would be my life. but I fell into it."

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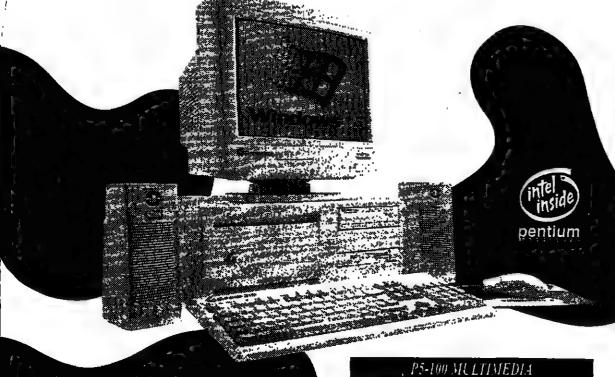


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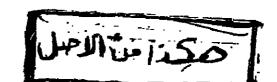


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A few Crisp confessions

flamboyant **Ouentin Crisp** has had to adapt to life in very downtown Manhattan, reports **Quentin Letts**

CONSIDERING lunch, Quentin Crisp pursed his lips, paused, then spoke in a slow voice that was half Margaret Rutherford, half child: "I would like a fried egg sand-wich on white bread, with mashed potato. Piease." Crisp, formerly England's

"most stately homo", emigrated in 1982 to New York and is now aged 87. He was dressed all in black, so it seemed a very white lunch, with the yolks hidden and the mash all pale and weary; dry, too, for the egg was overcooked, the spud butterless and his coffee cup was not filled until the last. neat, nun-like little mouthful.

The afternoon held several surprises. Lunch having been dispatched, this gay pioneer attacked homosexual marriage, which he considered absurd - and very offensive to people who believe in the sacrament of marriage". He had a go at the "scandalous" Princess of Wales, whom so many of his fraternity hold dear. "She knew the racket before she joined the Royal

He also indicated a belief in God, even a fear, yet he was accompanied that day by a weird, 50-something man called Fishburn who wore grey slacks, a dull face and in his pocket packed a wad of hardcore pornography, which he offered me, with a nasal leer. "If you're interested I can get you into S and M parties," grunted Fishburn, as if that were a privilege equal to admittance to the Masons.

This was all lost on Crisp. who was loading his brimful coffee with two sugars, two creams, and so had to lower his lips and slurp noisily when sampling the first inch or two.

The turquoise neon lights in East Greenwich Village diner, marched the pale wash in Crisp's hair. "I sit here in the front window like a Dutch tart watching the world go by," he said. On his left breast was pinned a fake medal, presented by a Boston jeweller in honour of the day that he addressed the Gay Businessmen's Council. "A room full of sinners in three-piece suits,"

Wisps of that bluish hair protruded from the brim of his fedora but back at his room he discarded the hat to unveil a



Quentin Crisp, for all his gay declamations, controversial life and years in analyst-crazy New York, still retains a very English self-restraint

than my dressing gown." He pays \$75 a week for this dump. Surely he can afford better? "If

I knew I was going to die in three years I would move," he

agreed. "But money is for

saving, not spending." This

was the opposite of his belief

that life is for spending. Yet his

books make money, he re-

ceives regular commissions to

write and talk, and he has

enough folding stuff to con-

template dividing his will

The funniest passage in his

diaries describes the day an

ambulance inexplicably arri-

explanation. He was stripped lished on June 30

among three nieces.

of all his clothes save his

underpants, at which point a

Filipino nurse entered and,

with a Clint Eastwood snarl,

Against such odds even the

most valiant Englishman can

wilt. Crisp describes the scene

with verve, but the enduring

image is of an old man, skinny

and shivering and somehow.

tee, really rather sad. After all

the years the civil servant was

again naked, and not happy in

Resident Allen - the New York

them, too.

Diaries, by

strong head of hair worn in a ponytail. It seemed a pity to hide such a piratical mane. and not a little contrary, given that he has uncovered so much else in his long, notorious life. But Quentin Crisp, for all his gay declamations and his years in analyst-crazy New York, retains a very English self-restraint. Perhaps he moved because he was no longer shocking people in England. It is odder to be phlegmatic in Manhattan these days than it is to be go by'

One should really call him Dennis, for that was his real how he refers to all the men in his latest book, a collection of diaries written over the past six years. It is like the Jennifer's Diary of old. There is "Mr Warhol" and "Mr Tom Hanks", even "Mr Debussy" the composer and "Mr Plato" the philosopher. "Mr Sting" the pop star makes guest appearances, too, if only for trouserability. He also likes

'I sit here in the front window like a Dutch tart watching the world

company of a gay friend. Mrs stars, and wanted to know his birthday. "Christmas Day," replied Crisp. She pointed out that this meant he shared a birthday with Jesus of Nazareth but that she could not say if that meant he, too, would save the world.

"People are my pastime," said Crisp, though perhaps what he really meant was New York people, the madder the better. In the book he lists

GUARANTEED PEACE OF MIND

the past four years begging on Second Avenue, complained loftily that "this neighbourhood has really gone down recently, and it's only people like Mr Crisp give it class". In the middle of a busy pavement Crisp preened himself and posed for photoraphs. "Yo, Mr Crisp!" shouted Al. "And a good day to you," Crisp replied, reaching in to his threadbare trouser pocket absent-mindedly to drop something in to the hobo's paper cup. The coin was brown - a

single cent.
What it lacks is someone special. The Crisp diaries are or appreciations of beauty. "I only know people superficial-Crisp said over lunch. It was the one time he appeared uneasy and he started to fiddle with his cutlery. "I only meet them in the street, I can't remember anybody and that is sad, because they want to be remembered. I think feelings are untrustworthy." Love was not something he recognised. It would be vulgar, letting

arrived on his doorstep, however, so our heroine contacted the only other person he knew in town and was grateful to be allowed to sleep on the sofa for a couple of nights until he found a home of his own.

A home, if that is the word, was found and has not been

He moved because he was bored with the way people treated him like an old Stilton

altered since. It is a dim room, little more than 10ft square. with a short entrance corridor chattered with possessions and a tray of potions - Listerine, Johnson's Baby Corn Starch and a bottle of "Pour Monsieur" cologne (unopened). A single bed lined one wall, while in a corner was a sink mired in grime. There was a plastic globe, a tired armchair, paper everywhere and a musty scent. His views on dust are well rehearsed - "after a few months you stop noticing it" - and he sees no sense in having more than one room because the others only go to waste when you are not occupying them. Yet it was shocking to see this hovel.

The one thing I regret is not having a gas fire," he said. On certain days I would like to come home and sit in front of a fire wearing nothing more THERE you were, thinking that maybe Have I Got News For You was finally becoming more watchable again after a couple of hohum guests such as the Saudi dissident Muhammad al-Masari, when along comes Daily Mirror host, Deayton, and even

would never miss another episode again. It vas riveting. Morgan, wh

appeared on last Friday's Clive Anderson, turned out to be as forminy as a flatworm. The trouble was, he didn't seem to twig that nobody was laughing. At least not laugh ing with him.

Since tonight Rupert Allason, the MP-novelist who believes he is the victim of a vendetta by the Mirror, joins the HIGNFY crew — and since he, too,

- the show could be another corker. "It's a pity, really," says Ian Hislop, "they weren't on the show together."

row could be just the spice

sometimes overestimates

the zippiness of his own wit

gles though a midlife crisis - OK, maybe strolls through, given that it still pulls in nine million viewers — brought on by the departures of Paul Merton and the show's founding producer, Harry Thomp-son. Now five years old and in its eleventh series, the show has also been winged by the open season declared on smoothychops quizmaster Angus Deayton, who was pilloried for behaving a little too smugly when compering a recent evening of

Have I got boos for you

Joe Joseph on the hidden dangers of being a celebrity guest on Have I Got News For You

> ly, Hislop provides conti-nuity with his humour and his losing streak. But Allason will have a struggle to make us wince more than Morgan did. After digging himself into an early hole by abusing his opponent, Hislop, his

> > digging like a

demon. After a

volley of flat jokes, the tab-

loid editor made

the mistake of

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Editor

Editor Piers Morgan with his partner, Clive Andera performance so utterly son. Morgan carried on embarrassing that you

Target: Allason

have tried to have a go before," says Colin Swash, the show's producer, "and after the first riposte they've scuttled for cover. So full marks to Piers for sticking to his guns."

Yes, give Morgan credit for being memorable. Teddy Taylor, wittering on humourlessly about Europe, almost made the so-bad-be's-good category. but many other guests are just forgettably disappoint-- as OJ's publicist Max Clifford was when he partnered Eddie Izzard a fortnight ago.

PAULA YATES was infamously loud but also infamously unfunny: after ber freshly boosted breasts were debated and denounced, she unwisely sought to salvage her self-esteem by calling Hislop "the sperm of the devil". It sank her. For what it's worth, Hislop's advice to potential guests is simply

Baroness Thatcher, Gracie oneself go, and that is not his thing. Here is a man who has those he has met from the Fields and Sylvester Stallone's savers. mum, Jackie, who wears "pearls the size of chicken's Elton John impersonator to the local Hell's Angels. Henry never been properly drunk. eggs" and whom he met in the Crisp moved to Manhattan "Al" Majette, who has spent because he was bored with the way people in Britain treated him like an old Stilton, turn-More money for ing up noses and thinking him New digital Nokia. 100 hours of power! ripe. He had met a New Yorker, who seemed amusing. and who said: "Oh, you must come and stay." The man was less keen on the idea when Crisp duly VOUR INDIEN

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■ The Beefiad: a bathepic of non-cooperation (Homer shakes his head)

Sing, Madam Speaker, the wrath of Johnmajor. That accursed anger that brought uncounted anguish on the Eurocrats of Brussels, and hurled down to the Hades of "general reserve" measures to reduce bureaucracy and other such multiparagraphed protocols dear to the Gods of Eulympus. Though dangerously Utopian for their Myrmidons of Whitehall and Brussels, who make a meal of nothing but red tape from rosy-fingered dawn until silver-footed moonshine. First they cut the red tape into small pieces, then they wrap the guts around the small pieces as in a beefburger, then they kebab the pieces on their word-processors, so kebab the pieces on their word-processors, so that the savoury smell rises up to high Heaven to please the Gods of the Commission. (Note the stock epic filler and the

hexameter endings.)
With your Sister Muses, divine Betty, sing from the time of the first quarrel which divided Thomas Major-Ball's son, the lord of Tories, and godlike Santer. For like the Trojan War, the Beef War must have its epic band, in order that the deeds of its heroes are not forgotten on the eternal spike.

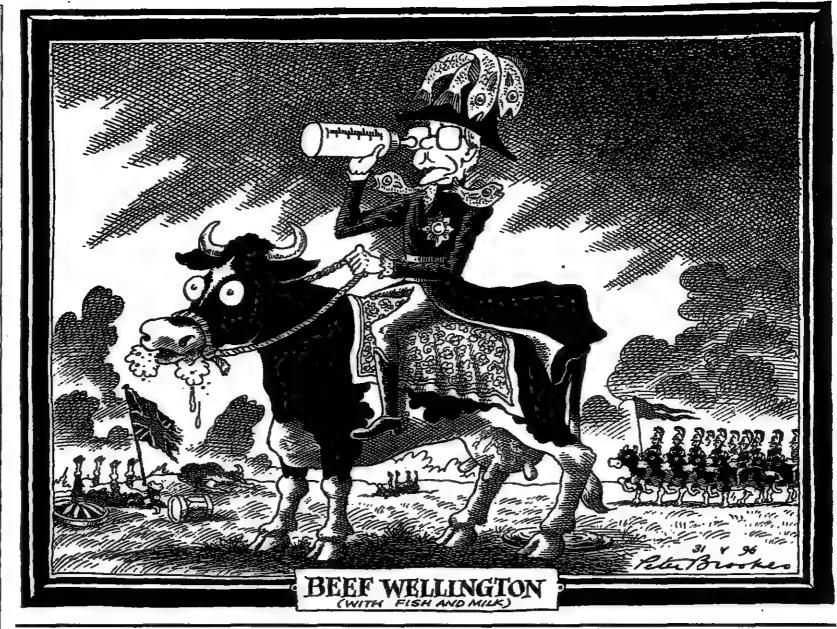
Which of the gods was it who set these two fighting? It was Zeus, the Lord of Eulympus, in the guise of a bull. For he it was who founded EU back at the beginning of time. many generations ago, and the generations of men are as the leaves. For he fell in love with Europa, the Princess of Tyre in the Lebanon. In order to win her (and to conceal his amour from his lady wife Hera) he took the form of a beautiful bull. And he played around Europa so gently that she climbed on his back, foolish virgin. Thereupon he ran off to the sea, and swam away bearing her to Crere, where she gave birth to those stern judges Minos and Rhadamanthus, and, some say, Jacques Delors himself. Hence all those tears shed. Hence all those protocols. Hence the EU.

Buil was the cause of the Beef War. Buil and the seed of buil. For as when a mighty bull, lord of the shambling herds, sees that the Europeans are refusing to honour his EU procreative semen, and takes umbrage, he tosses his shaggy head and looks askance with his red eyes. And the herdsmen and Eurocrats all tremble and hide behind their opt-outs and quota-hoppers. So anger came over banana-footed Johnmajor, lord of the Tories. His heart in his shaggy breast was torn in thought, whether to draw his sharp sword from beside his thigh, break up the Parliament, and kill all the beef bastards. Or to quell his anger and restrain his heart in a sulk to make them all sorry.

nd so he retired to his tent behind the black door of Number Ten. And he A summoned his War Cabinet of Malcolm Rifkind, Caledonian guest-advocate to and Roger Freeman, far the best of the co-ordinators of Britain's non-cooperation strategy. And Johnmajor opened his mouth and spake winged words to them: "Heroes and dear friends, I am now not inconsiderably totally livid with these for-eigners. So I shall declare war on them, just like Lady Thatcher and the Falklands. Until they honour our beef and our buil's semen. our sacred tallow and gelatine, we are officially in a state of total non-cooperation with them. Oh yes. We shall non-cooperate in Brussels, we shall non-cooperate at Florence, we shall non-cooperate at ministerial meetings and assemblies of officials. We shall never surrender."

Just then came a sacred herald by fax from godlike Jacques Santer. And he spake winged words: "Cease this foolish hostagetaking, Johnmajor. What is sauce for the bull is sauce for the mad cow. We shall cut your fishing-fleet. And what is this about your lethal baby milk? As your sacred bard Samuel Johnson sang: Truth, Sir, is a cow, which will yield such people [sceptics] no more milk, and so they have gone to milk the bull." All Europeans, Britons included, are by pedigree sons and daughters of the bull. If we must declare cruel war that makes widows and orphans, can we not do it over something less communautaire to the seeds of Europe than bull's semen?"

The warriors of all the moos that's fit to print may not seem as heroic as Achilles and Hector. But their bathepic should be told. And it could run to more than 24 books.



A slave state of our time

ould you like a few dozen slaves for Christmas? Well. not Christmas exactly, because the people selling these goods are very down on Christmas and even more so on Christ. Moreover, the Christians very frequently are the slaves, and when they are, they are very likely to be tortured or murdered, and usually both. I should add that the slave-market is filled with men, women and children indiscrimi-nately, and that those taken for slavery are used not only for the normal work of slavery, but for sexual services. Yes, yes, and yes again. I am talking about the horrors of Sudan, which may well at present hold the Blue Riband of savagery. (Christian sufferers are obliged to renounce their Christian names and adopt Muslim ones, but it must be understood that very many Muslims are also suffering at the hands of the savages of Khartourn.)

And when I call them savages, I am not exaggerating, as Abu Adam Abu Bakir Orner would testify if he were in any state to do so:

He was imprisoned for three-and-a-half months . . . while there he was severely tortured. He was hung from the ceiling by his hands and legs and beaten with plastic ropes and sticks many times each day. He was also forced to lie naked in the scorching sun all day long on the roof of the house. While on the roof he was handcuffed with special handcuffs which tightened with movement, and he was forced by beating to keep rolling over, so that the handcuffs became increasingly tight, cutting off blood to the head. At other times he was tied to a table and his legs and feet were beaten so badly that he as unable to stand; they then beat him to make him keep running, saying it "was good for the circulation".

It is important to understand that such mad savagery is not the behaviour of some crazed loner. We are talking of a state - a terrible one, but one that would have to be recognised as such. Nor does that state lack a religion, and with terrible irony it calls itself Islamic although Muslims by the thousand are destroyed by those who have called themselves Muslims. We know, alas, what evil can do in the name of good, and throughout all recognisable time men (and women) have killed to demonstrate their holiness. But what do you do when you get the news of a troop-train which pauses to kill a considerable number of innocent and peaceable people? These visits Southern Sudan is being laid waste

by the Khartoum Government — and all in the name of a merciful God

included raiding villages, killing, capturing and torturing civilians, burning homes and crops, looting and pillaging. And I repeat: these are not runamucks getting what they can until the forces of order arrive, they are the forces of order.

Nor does this madness stop or even pause; at least, if it isn't madness it is difficult to say what it is, as this billetdowr might show — in the form of a letter (a real one). "In the name of God, the Merciful. Dear Outlaws, Peace be with you. We ask you to be alert for we are coming to you at Nyamell. Our force is 1,800 soldiers strong. We ask you to

prepare youselves for you at 3 am - so be prepared. You idiots. If you want peace you should surrender before July, at the latest. Commander P.D.F. Hebeid." The next day. casualties arrived at Nyameli.

But that was nothing to what hap-pened next — and would be expected to happen. It was, of course, the selling and buying of human beings, particularly children. The current average price required to redeem a slave is three cows - with a minimum of two cows. The traders claim that this price is necessary to cover the costs of finding children. abduction (or sometimes negotiating a purchase) and bringing them back. It is estimated by the civil authorities that there are approximately 12,000 children from this area currently enslaved in the North, and that the numbers are growing, for raids are still continuing. Mind you, there are Good Samaritans (if the words aren't blasphemy), for an Arab trader said (and did) this:

The slave owners are Arabs of the Zako tribe . . . and almost all of them are Muslim extremists. Since we reached a peace agreement with the Dinkas . . . i have brought back more than 300 children. Just a few days ago I brought back 12. children. Today I brought back 23. Some of the parents of these children will not be able to pay the redemption fee. If the community leaders do not come up with the fee I will not be able to bring back more children. This work of returning slaves is dangerous for me. But I do it because I want the Arabs and the Dinkas

I dare say. And there are many who are working hard to bring them peace. one of them being Baroness Cox. the president of Christian Solidarity International. She has, with a very powerful team, brought to the world's attention the fact that sooner or later - more likely sooner - Sudan will be nothing but a charnel-house, where madness reigns and does not

> is mad. The leaders of many savage places have claimed to be heading an ordered society. even though behind the façade there reigns

nothing but anarchy. But in Sudan, conditions are far worse than anarchy. This is not the anarchy of a society that has broken into pieces (would that it were). but the anarchy of one bloodthirsty evil that has climbed to the top and cannot

This is not unique. Algeria has for many years now been in the same situation, and the Algerians are still losing huge numbers to the same dreadful fanatics. The fanatics have killed tens of thousands solely in order to create an Islamic state. As I have repeatedly asked: what kind of a religion can it be when its first action is to murder its own people? (I have also asked rather pertinently why the followers of the religions do not stand up and

denounce the murdering leaders.)
In the case of Sudan, I am told that one and a half million people have died in this terrible madness, and that five million have been displaced. In the case of Algeria, no one really knows how many have already died at the hands of the mad fanatics. That sea of blood must

have drowned countless hordes, but imagine tens of thousands being killed not because the killers want to get even with some real or imagined hated ones, but to bring down the entire Algerian structure so that it can collapse and turn Algeria into a swamp of madness personified.

That is nothing but the plain truth; and it seems the structure that holds up any vestige of sanity in Sudan will hold until — well, I almost said until the mad ones have gone, but I fear that the mad ones will never go, after all, the mad ones in Algeria are still killing and they are still mad.

Madder, perhaps. Baroness Cox's conclusions are very thorough and terrible, and she knows more than anyone in this story. And that story says that what is happening in Sudan is - well, let Baroness Cox speak for herself. Read this, from her conclusions:

The Government's policy towards the people of the South and the Nuba mountains is tantamount to genocide, by displacement of the population and the manipulation of aid. In particular, widespread, systematic slavery continues on a large scale in government-controlled ar-eas of Sudan. The raids by government troops and government-backed PDF mi-lina against African towns and villages of the South and Nuba mountains are accompanied by atrocities, torture, rape, looting and destruction of buildings and property. Those not taken into slavery are

generally killed and/or tortured. . In normal situations of hunger and violence, the world comes to the rescue or at least tries to do so. War, disease, theft - these are endemic, but by now the ways and means for helping to combat them are obvious. But what if that obvious remedy is deliberately refused - what then? For that, exactly, is what is happening in Sudan. Food and drink are available, but they are deliberately denied. Hunger is used as a weapon, and thousands of victims of the Government's genocidal plan rot and die. The UN itself has only limited access, and soon the Government will have its way entirely: millions are forced into migration and the Government will get its ultimate wish: enslavement with

forced labour. And that is the fate of the people who live and are murdered in Sudan: terror; slavery: at the end, genocide. It all began with human rights, but what can we do against savages who literally do not know the meaning of those words?

Labour's * loyalty bonus

Sarah Baxter on

Robin Cook, the wily Euro-sceptic

t is only a beef war, not a shooting war. The British forces on the Rhine have not yet been mobilised, to my knowledge, against the Germans. Usually, the Government briefs the Opposition only when national security is at stake or our servicemen are deployed abroad. The last time Robin Cook met a Conservative Foreign Secretary for for-Conservative Foreign Secretary for formal talks was when Douglas Hurd was in the job and the Bosnian ceasefire was close to agreement. Nevertheless, Malcolm Rifkind has written to Mr Cook telling him that he would be delighted to keep the Opposition fully informed.

Mr Rifkind and Mr Cook were

debating society rivals at school and at Edinburgh University, but no doubt the old sparring partners would sagely agree that the national interest must come before party advantage. The Foreign Secretary is not going to consult Mr Cook about precisely what he intends to veto at the Council of Ministers, as Labour has demanded, but he and his shadow will jaw-jaw about the Euro-war. Thus Mr Rifkind hopes to demon-strate that the Government's stance on beef is noble and high-minded, rather than a feeble response to pressure from Tory Euro-sceptics. For its part, Labour has even more to gain. By adopting a bipartisan position. Mr Cook hopes to neutralise the issue and stop the Tories'

jingoism from translating into votes.

The Times's MORI poll suggests that Labour's tactic is working. Beef does not seem to be a swing issue on the door-steps. Mr Cook will regard that as a personal victory. But the policy of non-cooperation with the EU has an added bonus for him. For years, the Shadow Foreign Secretary has been a repressed Euro-sceptic, antagonised by the prospect of a "bankers' Europe" and the deflationary conditions of the Maastricht treaty. At last, he has been able to

break free of his shackles and tell the EU to get stuffed — if only with our beef.

Tony Blair's pro-European friends feel understandably betrayed. Only last year the Labour leader's shiny new version of Clause Four of the party constitu-tion was unveiled. It not only dumped nationalisation, but enshrined for the first time "a commitment to cooperate in European institutions". This was supposed to be a moment of sweet victory, with Labour's Euro-enthusiasts tri-umphing decisively over the party's sceptics. It is certainly galling for devo-ted federalists to watch Mr Blair renege so soon on his own constitution. But there is broad agreement in the party about beef and related Euro-matters that has rarely been Britain entered the Common Market.

It would be a mistake to believe that Labour's historic split has disappeared. Mr Blair is close to Roy Jenkins, as Michael Cockerell's recent television profile of the former SDP leader revealed. It was Mr Jenkins and his band of Labour rebels who helped Ted Heath to take the country into the EEC in 1972 (to the fury of a young hot-head, soon to be a backbencher and now the Shadow Foreign Secretary). Later, support for Britain's membership was a key reason for the breaking away of the SDP. During the 1980s, converting Labour into a pro-European party, safe for defectors and deserting voters, became one of the chief goals of modernisers like Mr Blair.

espite their very different views on Europe, Mr Blair and Mr Cook have been able to agree. The Left, for whom Mr Cook is the spiritual leader, is usually quick to criticise Mr Blair for backing the Tories in me-too fashion. But since the Left also has strong Euro-sceptic tendencies. there is a coincidence of interests here. As for the modernisers, they have temporarily abandoned Euro-philia in order to counter the image fostered by the Left during the wilderness years that Labour can always be counted on to side unpatriotically with the enemy. So everyone can now happily wage war.

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tions, because what the Left likes about Europe is less attractive to the modernisers, including Mr Blair - and vice versa. Mr Cook and most of the Labour Party eventually came to accept British membership of the Community because of the carrot of its social dimensions, in particular the social chapter with its minimum workers' rights. This made the monetarist Maas-

tricht treaty much easier to swallow. By contrast, the Labour leader is not bothered by the stringent conditions for a single currency, since they might help him in power to keep inflation and spending under control. He is much more worried about whether the electorate can stomach the implied loss of sovereignty. Nor is he particularly sold on the social chapter, which is one of those embarrassing negative factors. like the minimum wage, which the Tories intend to exploit at the general election. The new line on the social chapter, deployed this week in connection with the launch of Labour's policy document A Business Agenda for Europe, is that Britain should opt in, but only to stop our European partners from adopting too many crazily expensive. pro-worker policies. Were the social chapter not so crucial to keeping the Left and the unions happy, the policy might have been binned.

Labour's Euro-enthusiasts and sceptics have little in common except the desire not to stick their necks out on any given European controversy. That unity may not be sustained for long, based as it is on the politics of the lowest common denominator. But it works for now and for Mr Blair and Mr Cook, that is

Pegged hopes

VICTORY for Binyamin Netanyahu in the Israeli elections will add a syrupy dollop of showbusiness to Middle Eastern

"Bibi the Jaw", as Netanyahu is sometimes known, takes his personal image very seriously indeed. He is possessed of immaculate suits, steely gaze, and a polished quote for every occasion. Perfection, however, has its price.

Working as Israel's chief spokesman to the foreign press during the Gulf War, Netanyahu would always carry two clothes pegs in his pockets. When the time came to appear on television, he would ensure first that he was sitting on the tail of his jacket, so that his thick neck protruded bullishly from his suit.

Then he would produce the clothes pegs and fasten the front corners of his jacket to the seat so as to make himself look less stocky. So absurd did one ITN crew find Netanyahu's rituals that they spent the duration of the interview sobbing as they choked back their laughter. Netanyahu, a prime example of the excessively vain womanising politician, was

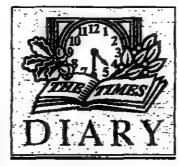
"It was funny at the time," said

one of the ITN crew yesterday. "But really we should have realised after all that preening he was prime ministerial material

• In organising a surprise party for the comic and farceur Ray Cooney, to celebrate his 64th birthday yesterday and half a century in showbusiness, somebody missed a trick. "There's going to be a surprise party for me," he told me. "Somebody forgot and said: 'See you on Thursday.' But don't worry, I shall



Netanyahu, Israel's peacock



make sure I keep my eyebrows up. A very useful tip that.

Party peace

AFTER months of dithering, Oxford University's Bullingdon Club has called off its reunion ball because of lack of interest. To recap. the Bullingdon, which represents Oxford's Krug-swigging tendency, had fallen into foreign hands. The original plan was to hold a El20-ahead ball at the Natural History Museum, inviting all old members, from Lord Rothschild to Darius Guppy.

The museum, however, quickly decided against submitting their dinosaur exhibits to the inevitable drunken cavernan impressions. So the Bullingdon quietly moved its ball to the Imperial War Museum. Now, Clifford Potter, the American graduate in charge of the club,

has sent out letters returning the few deposit cheques he has re-ceived, citing lack of interest and shortage of contact addresses as his main obstacles. Potter, however, is no quitter. He is planning a ball for next summer which will be "so well remembered that decades pass before anyone contemplates another Buller reunion".

• Congratulations to Melanie McGrath, 32, who picked up the 55,000 John Llewellyn Rhys Prize yesterday for her first navel Motel Nirvana, a tale of her 13,000-mile solo journey around the American desert. The money should come in handy. "I flew in this morning from Las Vegas," she said." where I blew \$300 last night at the casino. I won't be gambling this away."

Hot spot

TOP OF any list of alternative holiday ideas should be Mihama, a town in western Japan littered with nuclear power stations. Local officials, assigned the fiendish task of promoting their few assets, have quite understandably resorted to desperate measures.

They sent a batch of posters featuring the town's "crystal beach" to travel agents throughout Japan. Anyone familiar with Mihama. however, would have noticed that something was missing. The tourist board had been busy with the airbrush. Gone were the expressionist lines of the ghoulish nuclear power plant. In their place were scenes of lush greenery. fields and forest. Confronted, the Mihamans proved difficult to argue with. "We merely deleted what was unsuitable for a photograph whose aim is to show off beautiful scenery." explained an official.

Hay ho!

TOMORROW night sees another stage in the return to normal life of Salman Rushdie. He will be ap-



"Let's get away somewhere friendly. France perhaps?

pearing at the Sunday Times Hay Literary Festival. Special Branch have done their nosing around, but Hay-on-Wye, fortunately for Rushdie, has less of the souk about it than most places.

He will be taking part in a debate on the motion "Europe should resist the culture of America", and will be arguing alongside the New Yorker writers Sidney Blumenthal and Adam Gopnik opposing the motion.

The proposers come from a Sunday Times team, led by the journalist Bryan Appleyard and Oxford's Professor of Modern History, Norman Stone.

Rushdie's fondness for American culture was apparently stoked during the nervous months after the Iranians first called down their fatwa, when he used to stay up late watching American talk shows on satellite television.

• Friends of Sarah Hoskins, 23, the daughter of Bob Hoskins from his first marriage, maintain that the actor is not all he pretends. Throughout her years at univer-sity, say those who shared her house, the star of British Telecom's "It's good to talk" advertisements preferred to commu-nicate with her by other means anything but the telephone.

P·H·S and for Mr Blai all that counts.

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LIKUD'S OPPORTUNITY

Israelis still want peace, but with security

In defiance of expectations, Americans and exit polls, it appears that Binyamin Netanyahu has emerged, by a tiny majority. as the Prime Minister of Israel. If so, he faces a divided and polarised society which is reflected in a Knesset considerably more fragmented than that which sat previously.

A new electoral system designed to strengthen the Prime Minister and weaken the smaller parties has, perhaps predictably, failed to deliver. Mr Netanyahu can form a government, but it will of necessity be a patchwork coalition of his own Likud block combined with assorted religious and immigrant parties. While this blurs his personal mandate, it does not take it away.

Security concerns have completely dominated this contest and explain why Mr Netanyahu ultimately defeated the vastly more experienced Shimom Peres. This overwhelming concentration has been a surprise to many observers. The national economy which has performed spectacularly well over the past three years - in large part because of the easing of Israel's international isolation — did not register with many voters.

The assumption of many outside the country that peace must mean progress, and therefore benefit Labour, was badly flawed. It ignored the collective experience of the Jewish people for whom peace at any price has a very low premium. It also disregarded the reality that for many the period since the Oslo accords has seen more, not less violence. In under three years 217 Israeli citizens have died and some 1,000 been wounded in terrorist attacks. Allowing for population size, this would represent nearly 3.000 killed and 14,000 maimed in Britain -

the whole Ulster experience over a 30-month

timetable. Were that to have happened here. Britons would make security the major election issue too.

Security, however, is a broader matter than mere overt force. This is what Mr Netanyahu has to ponder as he looks at the message his countrymen have sent him. The Likud leadership was careful to avoid the wholesale assault on the Oslo inheritance urged by some in its wings such as Ariel Sharon. It has fully embraced reconciliation with Jordan, whose leadership in turn was less than strikingly for Peres in the campaign. While it has reserved the right to pursue terrorist suspects inside the area which is now the Palestinian National Authority, it has fallen short of an absolute pledge to do so. Hostility to Mr Arafat has been muted, at least overtly.

While Likud is staunchly opposed to a Palestinian state, this does not preclude movement on both the political and economic fronts which allows for increased autonomy short of statehood. Even if Labour had won, it is doubtful that complete nation status would or could have been granted in the space of one parliamentary term. In short, predictions that peace prospects are dead may be highly premature. The process may advance at a different pace, choose new priorities, and give greater emphasis to the personal security of Israeli citizens, but that represents change rather than closure.

Mr Netanyahu has had very limited experience in government. He has built his career mainly on his exceptional presenta-tion skills. If he establishes himself as Israel's Prime Minister, he will have to lead his country into unknown territory. He will have a mandate to negotiate from strength. He should use it.

PRIMARY LESSONS

Blunkett's theory is excellent; the practice would be harder

Parents agonise far more about the choice of a secondary than a primary school. Yet give a school a child to the age of 11, and it can forge the likely contours of the rest of the pupil's life. If the basic skills of reading, writing and maths are not instilled early, they are often never mastered at all. Unable to cope with the rigours of secondary school, pupils with low literacy levels tend to lose heart, play truant and, all too often, turn to crime. The standard of teaching in primary schools therefore casts ripples that penetrate

David Blunkett, Shadow Education Secretary, seems to appreciate this. In a robust speech to the National Association of Head Teachers' conference yesterday, he produced some sensible thinking about how to raise standards for primary school children. Like Chris Woodhead, Chief Inspector of Schools, he believes that the progressive revolution in teaching has gone too far, and it is time for a return to the traditional methods that our continental competitors never thought of

Thus, reading should mainly be taught by sounding out letters (the method known as phonics). The principles of mathematics should be taught to classes as a whole, not left for children to "discover". Pupils should be grouped by ability; discipline should be asserted; at least half an hour's homework a night should be given to all children from the age of seven.

Most parents would consider these proposals to be no more than common sense. But many teachers, led astray by decades of dogma at teacher training college and beyond, still see them as contentious. The impact of ineffective teaching methods has been not just on children. The whole country has suffered: in today's World Economic Forum rankings, Britain comes only 35th out of 48 countries for an education system

which meets the needs of a competitive economy. Should he reach office, Mr Blunkett will find himself subject to all the frustrations that have beset countless Tory Education Secretaries and Mr Woodhead himself. Knowledge of what constitutes good teaching practice is one thing; persuading teachers to adopt it is another.

League tables have been a spur, although they have come slowly to primary schools. Mr Blunkett proposes to go further than current plans. He wants all children tested at five, and then assessed annually against the level that they ought to be achieving. This would give parents added ammunition against teachers or schools that they believe to be allowing their children to coast or fall behind. Pupils whose ability diverges some way from the average, whether above or below it, would be given individual education plans to ensure that they get special help. This is currently all too hard to achieve for able children in the state system. And schools themselves would have to set targets for improvement each year. By the end of two Labour terms, Mr Blunkett's ambition is that all primary school leavers without special needs should have a reading age of at least II.

Mr Blunkett recognises that at the core of the problem is teacher training. The biggest educational scandal of this Government is that it has allowed teacher training colleges. for the past 17 years, to continue to turn out teachers who have not been taught how to teach. But even if Mr Blunkett improves teacher training, the vast mass of practitioners will still be of the old persuasion. He is right to acknowledge that results would come only slowly. He may be surprised, even then, to find how difficult it is to transform a prevailing philosophy that is so deeply embedded in the educational

TO THE MANOR PAWNED

Empty titles should go to people with full wallets

The upper classes may no longer have the upper hand but several of them have discovered nice little earners. When the last silver cow creamer has been pawned and the ormolu clock auctioned, any earl who is down to his last sovereign and any marquess who finds himself in Queer Street can now sell titles to keep their seats from crumbling.

Proper peerages may not be sold by their owners, but lordships of the manor may be offered on the open market as freely as crockery at a car-boot sale. Lordships of the manor convey no right to a seat in the House of Lords let alone Le Caprice, nor indeed to style oneself a peer. These cracked and dusty baubles, hangovers from a feudal age, bestow little more than rights to graze or hold a market on land long built over. There is the chance for those hungry for honour to style themselves John Snooks, Lord of Crinkly Bottom: but to hold such a title is to be no more elevated than Count Basey, Duke Ellington or a Barron Knight.

Both Bristol and Spencer have put manorial titles up for auction and seen them excite those anxious to acquire a whiff of gentility. Our great houses are unbundling their inheritance in the manner of an asset stripper towards a bloated conglomerate. But it is perhaps reassuring in this age that some moneyed people still feel the need to swathe themselves, if not in ermine, then in a patch of almost-aristocratic purple.

The title of Lord of the Manor developed in medieval times to mark the man who exercised droit de seigneur over a hamlet from the comfort of his bijou motte and bailey home. Over time, however, the seigneur has lost most of his droits. In 1660 Lords of the Manor were deprived of their rights of wardship; this can be seen as one of the first occasions when meddling leg-islators strangled a flourishing trade with regulation - in this case the market in orphans and foundlings. Manorial titles still empowered their holders with the right to charge a nominal rent of their vassals until 1922, when, some fifty years after seridom went in Tsarist Russia, feudalism was abolished in England. Happily for traditionalists, it survives in Scotland along with much else that is mourned elsewhere such as quarter-gill measures in out-of-theway pubs and top quality tap water to dilute

The market in manorial titles only really took off after the Second World War. following the decline of the flourishing baronial bourse of Lloyd George and Baldwin. When seats in the Upper House. could less easily be sold under the counter, collectors moved to lesser fare. Most manorial titles are now acquired by the newly rich, incensing some of the less newly rich who see standards declining. But it was ever thus. In 1439 and 1462 laws were passed to prevent the sale of manorial titles to new money types such as the Fitzalan-Howards. The ultras may shudder, but better by far that the rising bourgeois acquire status than a taste for revolution.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Nationalism and the viability of devolution in Britain

From Mr John Papworth

Sir. Those who, like Matthew Parris (articles, May 20, 27; letters May 28), are worried about the economic viability of small nations resulting from devolution, as well as those who assume that greater integration in Europe is the high road to economic progress, might do worse than reflect on figures issued by The Economist which indicate that 25 of the top 35 of the richest nations measured in terms of GDP have populations of less than ten million.

They may also care to ponder why it is that among the poorest of the poor are the two giants. India and China. Even the giant US ranks lower than any of the Scandinavians, despite the fact that its population is almost 50 times greater than that of Norway.

With respect, JOHN PAPWORTH (Editor), Fourth World Review, 24 Abercorn Place, NWS. May 28,

From the President of the Scottish National Party

Sir. Is not Matthew Parris, in denouncing the "parochialism" of Scottish nationalism, being supremely paro-chial himself when he denies the will of the Scots to establish more fulfilling international relations with our European partners? Victoria's empire is dead, Mr Parris, the marriage has soured and England is turning into a small-minded spent force in Europe in front of our eyes.

Why can't the English just accept that the current components of the UK could wield much greater collective force in Europe with two, three or even four seats in the Council of Ministers instead of only one?

I share Mr Parris's belief that a United States of Europe is not on the cards: but, having made the transition from Westminster to Europe some 21 years ago, I am equally convinced that Britain's carping Euro-scepticism is a much more damaging, destructive and diminishing force than the par-

minimum sentences not minimum

sentences? Answer: when, after pay-

ing the debt to society, a criminal's re-

cord, for whatever cause, is made

widely available to many who may

to get crime check on job applicants".

Excluding the obviously sensitive

areas of employment which already have or should have access to such re-

cords, this information will prevent

countless minor offenders from ever

again being able to gain useful em-

I always considered that when an

offender had paid his/her debt (why

else have a period of sentence?) that it

had been paid and steps were then

taken to rehabilitate them back into

society. There was no such thing as retribution for life. This will no longer

How can the public be protected by

a system which will punish without

humane regard to individual circum-

stances, then continue indirectly to

punish for the rest of the offender's

life? Such systems can only breed fur-

ther resentment and more crime. This

is twentieth-century Britain, not the

nineteenth, a fact the Home Secretary

Sir, The Home Secretary's proposal to

restrict availability of birth certificates

because of their misuse in passport applications (report, May 27) must

cause concern. Birth certificates are

an essential source of research, not on-

ly for genealogists but in law, for ex-

ample for tracing heirs in intestacies, or checking fraudulent identities.

The proposed measure will be shut-

ting the stable door after the horse has

bolted; there must be so many birth certificates already issued that they

could easily become a marketable

item, and intending vendors of false passports will simply stock up before

the regulations take effect.

The real problem is that a birth cer-

tificate is quite inadequate, standing

alone, as proof of identity for any-

thing. There are better checks, such as

registration with a doctor, national in-

surance records, and entry on the elec-

toral register. Two or three such veri-

fications in combination with a birth

certificate would be far more secure

Or should one suggest the unthinkable - identity cards?

for anyone over age 18.

Yours faithfully,

1 Avenue Road,

May 28.

HUGH PESKETT

(Director of Research.

Burke's Peerage, 1982-85),

Winchester, Hampshire.

seems to have forgotien.

Yours faithfully.

DENIS JACKSON,

Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Birth certificates

From Mr Hugh Peskett

16 Winston Road,

May 25.

Criminal records

have no need to know it ("Er

report, May 25).

From Mr Denis Jackson

ish-pump parochialism he may find at Scottish Question Time in the Commons la product of our Westminster

If Mr Parris doubts this, let him come with me to Strasbourg, Brussels or Luxembourg to witness the full horror of British parochialism in action and the full glory of positive small na-tions like Ireland, Belgium, Finland, The Netherlands, Austria and Luxenbourg.

Yours sincerely, WINIFRED M. EWING (President, Scottish National Party). European Parliament. Strasbourg.

From Mr Donald Winterton

Sir, Matthew Parris's criticism of small nations in Europe is antedilu-

"Parochial" need no longer have negative connotations. Today, with global travel and instant communications, life within a parish need never feel stifling, and the reintroduction of strong parishes into our cities is what our society most needs.

Nor is it the small nations of Europe which are "uncivilising, diminishing, childish" — the European countries that come top in quality-of-life surveys are always the small ones, such as Denmark and Switzerland, and some of the soaring achievements of European civilisation, such as the works of Leonardo da Vinci and Bach, arose from the modest city states within Italy and Germany. It was only when these principalities were united, often by force, that we had world wars and global forms of economic collapse.

Yours faithfully, DONALD WINTERTON. Wardrobes House Cottage, Nr Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire.

From Mr A. G. Luscombe Sir. Matthew Parris is right to fear the possible rise of English nationalism as a result of political devolution in the The English are not nationalists, per se, in their relationship with the home nations as they are, say, with Brussels or as the Scots are towards them. They are happy enough with a government containing members of all the home nations, and including a non-English Prime Minister, while all remain under one common loyalty. If,

however, the Scots and Welsh wish to

have a divided loyalty then the Eng-

lish may well become as narrowly nat-

ionalistic as they are and then the United Kingdom could disintegrate. A. G. LUSCOMBE. 24 Academy Court, Castle Street, Irvine, Ayrshire.

From Mr Evan Davies

Sir, How heartening to read Matthew Parrie's criticism of the nationalism of small nations, masquerading as Eurooean regionalism. English nationalism, when it finds its full force in the context of European regionalism and of the devolution of power to Scotland and Wales, will in my view be one of

the nastiest in Europe.

The nationalism of big nations has been so much more dangerous than that of small ones. The history of our century shows the horrors that big-nation nationalism can bring.

Perhaps a future of small nations, whatever its unpleasantness, would be preferable.

Yours faithfully, EVAN DAVIES, 118 Plymouth Road, Penarth, South Glamorgan.

From Mr William M. Ballantine

Sir, More power to the elbow of Matthew Parris. People down south must wake up to the implications for them of Labour's devolution plans; our whole British heritage is at stake.

Yours faithfully, W. M. BALLANTINE, 47 The Quarryknowes, Dean Road, Borness, West Lothian.

May 28.

Burma to Thailand. Its benefits to the

development of the region will be en-

ormous, but large swathes of forest

are being cut down to make way for

the pipeline and villagers in the region

The leaders of the Karen people

have called for a boycott of this pipe-line, which is being built with the aid

of Unocal and Total SA and is one of the few issues on which the West may

be able to influence a regime that is

The Burma that travellers may find

when democracy is restored will be

very different from that today. In re-

cent offensives the SLORC regime has

virtually wiped out the minority

groups such as the Karen and their

voice, aiready weak, may soon be si-

It is not just the tourists that should

well used to isolationism.

have been used as forced labour.

Investment in Burma

From Mr Nicholas Mellor

Sir, Whilst I endorse your leader of May 27, urging people to shun holi-days in Burma in order not to provide foreign exchange for the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) and tacity endorse the opssive regime, such action is not enough.

vestment in Burma by some of its neighbouring countries. In 1994 over \$500 million was received from Singapore and Thailand.

country?

build a pipeline taking natural gas from the Yadana natural gas field in

heed the words of Aung San Suu Kyi. Yours sincerely.

NICHOLAS MELLOR. 37 Peel Street, W8. May 27.

lent for ever.

From Ms Sarah Heath

arrested development in frogspawn (letter, May 28) are becoming increasingly common in the UK. Amphibians are declining worldwide, with pollu-tion, (including acid rain), habitat loss and climate change thought to be the major factors.

ing adult frogs were killed off by the cold snap. However, as your correspondent points out, it seems unlikely that cold weather could account for the abnormal spawn he has spotted in the West Highlands.

branch of The Wildlife Trusts.

watch — asks young people to list where and when they see frogspawn, tadpoles and emerging froglets. The project has even received reports of spawn in flowing water -- possibly the result of a lack of suitable breeding ponds: Results will be compared with data from our 1985 survey.

By the end of this year, thanks to observant young people, scientists may have built up a clearer picture of what is happening to our frogs and be able to further explore the reasons for their decline.

Yours faithfully, SARAH HEATH (Education Officer), Wildlife Watch, Witham Park, Waterside South, Lincoln. May 28.

From Mr Michael J. Mitchell

Sir. My experience here in Gloucestershire has been somewhat different to that of your West Highlands correspondent. The frogspawn, while late, was of the same colour and size as before but it did seem to break up more quickly than usual, becoming very stringy, and certainly the number of tadpoles was very sharply down and they don't seem to be maturing very fast, and the mature frogs are not as visible on the surface as usual.

There are reports locally of dead frogs in some ponds, but other ponds have had a good year. Friends high in Somerset saw lots of frogspawn amid ice and snow earlier this year, long before mine came, so it doesn't seem that temperature is a factor either.

Yours sincerely M. J. MITCHELL, 11 Chestnut Terrace, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. May 28.

Export of paintings

From Mrs Sandie Taylor From the Duke of Beaufort Sir, I have conclusive proof that some

Sir, I support strongly Mr J. W. T. Martin's plea (letter, May 27) that consent should not be refused to export works of art by living artists. Since the initial ruling concerning Lucian Freud's The Painter's Room, the picture has been locked by its owner in a vault where the public are unable to enjoy it. Unless the ruling is lifted it may remain out of sight for many

усагз. It must be a regressive step to prevent free movement of such works of art.

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Yours faithfully. BEAUFORT. Marlborough Fine Art (London) Ltd. 6 Albemarle Street, WI. May 29.

Moon myths and the Great Wall

From Professor Alec Eden

Sir. We are undoubtedly amused by Gazza's refusal to be impressed "when told that of all man's work on Earth, it alone (the Great Wall of China) could be seen from the Moon" (leading article, May 23). But what is the basis for this popular belief or its more modest, but less precise, version of the wall being "visible from space"?

At the end of the 1980s I was closely concerned with the preparation for ultrasonic measurements of blood flow in the brains of orbiting astronauts in the space shuttles Discovery (twice) and Atlantis. In my conversations with many crew members upon their return, I could not find one who claimed to have viewed the world's most distinctive monument from a height of some 180 miles, although several had specifically attempted to do so. The chances of seeing it from the Moon at an altitude of over 1,300 times great-

er - would appear to be remote. Is this an example of a modern

myth? Yours faithfully, ALEC EDEN, The Thatched House, Mead Road, Torquay, Devon.

From Mr I. McBain

Sir, The idea that the Great Wall of China can be seen from the Moon is, as I understand it, as probable as someone in London being able to see a school ruler held aloft in Newcastle.

Yours faithfully. IAN MCBAIN, 76 Kingston Road, Poole, Dorset, May 23.

Tories and Christianity From the Bishop of Willesden

Sir, Your Diary of May 21 quotes me as saying: "Britain needs Christianity a hundred times more than it needs Conservatism." Those words, although I do not disagree with them. are not mine. They come from an article in The Church of England Newspaper by Harry Greenway, MP, the same man who, in the Ealing Gazette, has claimed that "Jesus was cer-

tainly a Conservative".

If Jesus had lived today he would certainly not have been a Conservative. He would have pointed out what was wrong in all the political parties and in the Church as well. But he our self-interest.

Yours sincerely TGRAHAM WILLESDEN. 173 Willesden Lane, NW6. May 24.

Road rage

From Mr John White

Sir, I frequently experience road rage (letters, May 25), directed at whoever conceived this euphemism for criminality and those who perpetuate its use.

Perhaps they subconsciously recognise that by condoning and contribut-ing to excessive and increasing dependence on the car they create a climate in which violence finds a bogus

Yours faithfully, JOHN WHITE, Highfield, 14 Lancaster Avenue, Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire. May 29

Please hold ...

From Mr Nigel Rodgers

Sir, Mr John du Bois (letter, May 22; see also letters. May 13, 16) is just one among millions who object to being forced to listen to piped music while waiting on the telephone. What is obviously needed is a device which allows people to choose the sort of music fif any) they want on the line by pressing, say, star for silence, one for Mozart, two for Madonna, three for Mantovani — and so on.

Yours faithfully. NIGEL RODGERS (Honorary Secretary), Pipedown (The Campaign against Piped Music), 6 Kingsley Mansions, W14.

From Dr J. D. Gunner

Sir, Telephone queuing is annoying, but at least the aim is courtesy. What sticks in my old-fashioned gullet is having a transaction with a shopkeeper interrupted by his answering the telephone.

Yours faithfully, J. D. GUNNER, Hawkshead Hill Farm, Ambleside, Cumbria. May 24.

Some sunny day

From Mr Anthony Martin

Sir. I suspect there will be a renaissance of Vera Lynn songs to bolster our morale on the BSE battlefield. Might I suggest that a rendering of "Well meat again" would provide a significant boost both to our hopes and our expectations.

Yours faithfully. ANTHONY MARTIN. Whitestone House, Whitestone, Exeter, Devon.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Business letters, page 27

Sir. When are the Home Secretary's

Revenue from British tourists pales in comparison with the growing in-

Should human rights in Burma not be higher on our agenda in relations with members of Asean (Association of South East Asian Nations) which have investment programmes in the

Currently there is a major project to the Andaman Sea overland across

Frogspawn blight

Sir, Sadly, reports of abnormality and

This spring large numbers of breed-

Scientists from the National Amphibian Survey at Cardiff University are this year investigating the possible reasons behind the decline in frogs, helped by Wildlife Watch, the junior

Our nationwide survey - Bhs Frog-

Heal thyself

of us really do come from different planets. My husband and his four partners have just received a directive from the Health and Safety Executive that they must have a first-aid kit and a trained first-aider on the premises. They are five full-time GPs working with six nurses in a well equipped

My own feeling is that they should toss a packet of Elastoplast into the defibrillator box and paint a red cross on it. This should cover most eventual-

Yours faithfully, SANDIE TAYLOR 5 Griston Road.

building.

Thompson, Thetford, Norfolk.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 30: His Excellency Mr Andebrhan Weldegiorgis was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from Eritrea to the Court of

St James's. Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs)

was present. Mr Richard Packer (Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) was received by Her Majesty.

Mr Michael Jay was received in

audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador to the French Republic. Mrs Jay was also received by

Her Majesty, Patron, gave a Reception at Buckingham Palace this evening for Commonwealth Delegates attending the 1996 Quinquennial Conference of the

Royal Life Saving Society.
Prince Michael of Kent,
Commonwealth President, was **BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

May 30: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Pegasus Project, this evening held a meeting at

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 30: The Princess Royal. Chancellor, University of London, this morning opened the new Library at the Royal Postgraduate d School, Hammersmith

Hospital, London W12. Her Royal Highness later un-veiled the Westminster Commemorative Green Plaque to Dame Anna Neagle and Herbert Wilcox at Aldford House, Park Lane, London W1, and afterwards attended a Reception at the Grosvenor House Hotel.

The Princess Royal, President, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, this afternoon attended the Carl and Eve Foreman Awards Luncheon at 195 Piccadilly, London WI.

Her Royal Highness, President. Animal Health Trust, later attended an Industry Committee Meeting at Buckingham Palace for the first launch of the Corporate Membership Scheme

The Princess Royal. Colonel-in-Chief. The King's Royal Hussars. afterwards received Lieutenant-Colonel Adrian Bradshaw upon assuming command of Regiment.

Her Royal Highness, President. this evening attended a Reception at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Great George Street, London SWI, to mark the Rural Housing Trust's Twenty First Anniversary. CLARENCE HOUSE

May 30: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this evening re-ceived Award winners of the Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust under the auspices of the Warrant Holders

ST JAMES'S PALACE May 30: The Prince of Wales this morning visited HMS Sultan, the Royal Naval School of Marine and Air Engineering in Gosport, and viewed the Vanguard Submarine Simulator before opening Pillar Building, the new Engineer Offi-cers Training Centre, and Daedalus Building, the Air Engineering and Survival Department. His Royal Highness, President,

The Prince's Trust, this afternoon attended a Southern Counties Appeal Reception given by Sir David and Lady Carina Frost at Michelmersh Court, Michelmersh. Hampshire.

KENSINGTON PALACE May 30: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, The Friends of the Elderly and Gentlefolk's Help, this afternoon visited Redcot, the Society's Home in Haslemere, Surrey.

Her Royal Highness was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton).

KENSINGTON PALACE May 30: The Duke of Gloucester today visited the Royal Bath and West of England Show, Shepton Mallet, and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset (Sir John Wills Bt).

Service luncheon

Indian Police (UK) Association Mr S.E. Robinson presided at the annual luncheon of the Indian Police (UK) Association held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's.

Elections

Mr Paul Brason has been elected Honorary Secretary of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters. Mr Antony Williams has been elected to membership.

Birthdays today

Prince Rainier III of Monaco celebrates his 73rd birthday today. Sir Francis Avery Jones, gastroenterologist. 86; Miss Lynda Bellingham, actress, 48; Sir Derek Birley, former Vice-Chancellor, Ulster University, 70; Miss Judy Campbell, singer and actress, 80; Professor Dame June Clark, Professor of Nursing, Middlesex University, 55: Dr Sir John Daniel, Vice-Chancellor, Open University, 54: Judge Linda Davies, 51: Mr Ben de Lisi, fashion designer, 41: Mr Clint Eastwood, actor, 66; Admiral Sir James Eberle, former director, Royal Institute of International Affairs, 69; Rear-Admiral Peter Gibson, 83: Mr Andrew Grima, jeweller, 75; Sir Ronald Hampel, chairman, ICI, 64: Air Marshal Sir Valston Hancock, 89; Viscount Ingleby, 70: Mr Stephen

Jones, milliner. 39; Sir Jan Lewando, former director, Marks & Spencer, 87: the Earl of Macclesfield, 53: Miss Debbie Moore. Dance Studios. 50: Mr John Prescott, MP. 58; Sir Michael Sandberg, former chairman, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 69: Sir Neil Shaw, utive chairman. Tate & Lyle, 67; Mrs Elizabeth Southey, former national chairman, National national chairman, Federation of Women's Institutes, 64: Miss Isabel Stoate, diolomat 69; Professor Sir William Taylor, Chairman of Convocation, London University, 66: Mr Justice Turner, 65; Vice-Admiral Sir George Vallings, 64: Mr Terry Waite, former adviser on Anglican Communion Affairs to the Archbishop of Canterbury, 57; Mr Peter Winterbottom, rugby player, 36.



The Very Rev Trevor Beeson, former Dean of Winchester Cathedral, gazes at a likeness of himself in stone that will look down on future generations from 50ft up on the west wall of the cathedral. Lydia Gould, a stonemason, carved the lifesized grotesque of Mr Beeson who retired in February after nine years as

dean and now lives in Romsey, Hampshire. He led a fundraising campaign to find £7 million for restoration work and raised the money in two years.

"I'm not able to say if it is a good likeness or not — you would have to ask my wife. I would certainly like to look that noble. When they told me I had been

made into a grotesque, I thought: 'How

appropriate"," Mr Beeson said. The grotesque, carved in Beer stone. should last up to 500 years before needing restoration. "It is a nice thought that my grandchildren and great-grandchildren will be able to see my face for years to come," he added.

School news

Hampton School

The Queen will open the TA The following entrance scholar-ships and exhibitions have been Centre, Aberystwyth, at 10.25; will open the new library building of the National Library of Wales at Aberystwyth at 11.45: and will open Pigeon Sch Oliver Frank, All Saints C of E: Nikolas Waight, Chase Bridge: James Glover. The Marist School; Christopher Moses. The Queen's C of E: Ross Lang, Stanley County. the Centre for Glaciology at the Institute of Earth Studies, University of Wales, at 2.15.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as honorary fellow, will visit the Chartered Institute of Building. Englemere, King's Ride, Ascot, at 6.00.

Today's royal

engagements

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of the Queen, will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; as Patron of the Foundation and Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, will launch the new Millennium Seed Bank appeal at Kew, at 1.15.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Basic Skills Agency, will attend Development Support in Action at County Hall, Chester, at 10.45; as patron, will visit the Home Farm Trust's house, Laurelston, Silverne Drive, Whitby, Ellesmere Port, at 1.00; as Patron of the National Autistic Society, will visit their premises at L34 Allport Road, Bromborough, Wirral, at 2.10; and will open Wirral Autistic Society's new premises at 121 Raeburn Avenue, Bromborough at

Churchill medallions on behalf of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust at Guildhall at 11.20.

Bob Borthwick

A Memorial Service Is being held today, Friday, May 31, at 12.15 for Bob Borthwick at St Botolphwithout-Bishopsgate, Bishopsgate EC2. All friends are welcome. Refreshments afterwards in Church Hall.

The King's School, Canterbury

Canterbury

Scholarship Examination 1996
The following have been elected king's Scholars from September 1996: Penelope Cox. Simon Langton Girls' School: Susannah Herbert. South Hampstead High School: Thomas Hopkinson. King's College School. Cambridge: O'llver Humphrey. St Lawrence College: Charlone Knight. Junior King's School: Beaudity Kock. The Banda School. Nairobi: Victoria Lamb, Junior King's School: Alender Work. Windlesham House: Christopher Mattingly, Thomas Morey. Rebecta Sumbrook. Alen Skilton, all of Junior King's School: Benedict Westenra. Vinehall: Lawrence White. Windlesham: Altred williams, Dulwich College Preparatory School. Indon: Michelle Workman. Junior King's School. Heyman Schoolarship: Charles Miller-Jones, The King's School. Canterbury. Edmondson Noakes Scholarship:

Hammond Scholarship Peter Gilmour, Hampi Music Scholarship Sean Inglis, Hampton Hill Junior. Richard Spooner, St Mary's and St Peter's: Thomas Gunter, Thames

Peter's: Ditton. Pigeon Exhibitions
Nik Baker. The Queen's C of E;
Matthew Clinch. St Ignatius. Hammond Exhibition Amardip Kaisi, Hampton Hill Junior.

Lacey Scholarships (13+) Christopher Longstaff, Hall Grove: Stephen Lewis, Newland House; Steffan Rees, Newland House. Music Exhibition Robert Sharp, Milbourne Lodge

Art Exhibition Paul Salomao. Denmend. Jones Exhibitions
Samuel Adams, Newland House:
Thomas Bryan, Scalicilife: Nicholas
McGruer, Denmead: Robert Sharp,
Milbourne Lodge.

Cleary Art Scholarships - Gilvia Arthur, Claire Baidwin, Charles Fordham, Beih Hicklin and Mark Williams, all of The King' School, Canterbury.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Alexander Cruden, author of Biblical Concordance, Aberdeen, 1701; Richard Edgeworth, writer, Bath, 1744; Walt Whitman, poet and essavist, West Pope Plus XI 1922-39, Desio, Italy, 1857; Walter Sickert, painter, Munich, 1860; Sir Francis Younghusband, explorer. Muree, Punjab, 1863.

DEATHS: Tintoretto, painter, Venice, 1594: Franz Joseph Haydn, composer, Vienna, 1809: Joseph

Grimaldi, clown, London, 1837; Elizabeth Blackwell, first woman doctor of medicine. Hastings, 1910; Jack Dempsey, boxer, New York, 1983.

Jones, The kings school, cartegroup: Edmondson Noakes Scholarshin: Leonora Dawson-Bowling, The Kings School, Canterbury, Art Schoolarships have been awarded to James MacCarlane, Bramblerye, Luke Montgomery, Dubvich College Preparatory School, Cranbrook: Alistair Wildblood, Junior Kings School, School

The Peace of Vereeniging, ending the Boer War, 1902. The Battle of Jutland, 1916. South Africa became a republic and withdrew from the British Commonwealth, 1961. Adolf Eichmann, a German war

criminal, was hanged in Tel Aviv,

Memorial service

Ms Minah Bird A memorial service for Ms Minah Bird, model and actress, was held yesterday in the Chapel of Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. The Rev Dr Peter Graves officiated and gave an address. Dr Ijeoma F. gave an address. Dr Ijeoma F. Lichegbu, niece, read the lessons, Among others present were:
Miss Buchl Uko Islstert: Prince Uwakaneme. Mrs N Ujah Mr Andreas Schaetziein, Mrs Juliera Drury-Lowe. Mr Juliena Bridger. Ms Maj-Brit Mansson-Brown. Mr Jo Ndukwe, Mr and Mrs C Nochirl, Mrs Marie Louise Johnson-Travers. Mr D A Uflu. Mr Gilbert Lloyd, Mrs E Nwokenne, Dr A Igwe, Mr and Mrs Victor Lownes. Ms Suzanna Leigh and Mr Nigel Dempster.

Service dinners

HMS Brilliant Former Commanding Officers dined onboard HMS Brilliant In Portsmouth last night to mark the

ship's forthcoming decommission and sale. Commander D.L. Pons. Commanding Officer, presided Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Vice-Admiral Sir John Coward, Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Biggs, Rear-Ad-miral R F Cobbold and Rear-Admiral C H D Cooke-Priest were among those present

Advanced Class Dinner Club Brigadier Richard Holmes, Professor of Military and Security Studies, Cranfield University, was the guest of honour at the 120th annual dinner of the Advanced Class Dinner Club held last night at Woolwich, Major-General F.F.G. Burton, president, was in the

Latest wills

Mrs Beryl Audrey Davies, of Eastbury, Berkshire, left estate valued at £2,331,689 net. She left her estate mostly to relatives.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.L.R. Batten and Miss P.L. Denby The engagement is announced between Lennox, son of Mr and Mrs Tony Banen, of Edinburgh. and Pippa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Mark Denby, of Horsted Keynes, Sussex.

Mr P.E. Buscall and Miss S.E. Hamilton

The engagement is announced between Edward, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robert Buscall, of Carbrooke, Norfolk, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr Adrian Hamilton, QC, and Mrs Hamilton, of Holland Park, London.

Mr H.P. Cazalet and Miss C.H. Pryce

The engagement is announced between Henry Peter, second son of Mr and Mrs Charles Cazalet, of Sydenham, and Charlotte Helen. only daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Pryce, of Stanton Drew. north east Somerset. Mr S.T. Cook

and Miss J.A. Rafferty The engagement is announced between Simon Terry Cook. MA. BA (Hons), elder son of Brian and Moira Cook, of Tunbridge Wells. Kent, and Jacqueline Alison Rafferty, LLB (Hons), Dip LP, elder daughter of Jim and Alison Rafferty, of Hamilton, Scotland.

Captain P.G.R. Earl and Miss S.C.F. Cockerell The engagement is announced between Captain Philip Earl. The Life Guards, elder son of Colonel and Mrs Timothy Earl, of Haddon Lodge Stourton Caundie, Dorset,

and Sophia, daughter of Mr Michael Cockerell and the Hon Mrs David Bernstein, of London. Mr D.P. Ebsworth and Miss J.N.L. Gilliat The engagement is announced

between David, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Ebsworth, of Harold Wood, Essex, and Josephine, younger daughter of Mr David Gilliat, of Bamburgh. Northumberland. and Mrs Ann Frais, of Langton Green, Kent.

Mr G.E. Fairbaira and Fräulein L.M. Gstöttner

The engagement is announced between George Edward, son of Sir Brooke Fairbairn, Br. and the late Lady Fairbairn, of New-market, Suffolk, and Lena Maria, daughter of Herr and Frau Adolf Gstöttner, of Hamburg, Germany. Mr J.A.O. Graham

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robin Graham, of Stretton-on-Fosse, Gloucester-shire, and Sophie, daughter of Lieutenant Commander P.A. Learmond, RN, Rtd, of Conford, Hampshire, and Mrs April Edwards, of London, SW3. Mr M.R. Owens

and Miss J. Maher

The engagement is announced between Mr Mark Owens and Miss Jacqueline Maher, both of London SWIS. The marriage will take place next spring:

Mr M. Luckhurst and Miss P. Channing Williams The engagement is announced

between Mark, elder son of the late Gerald Luckhurst and of Mrs Luckhurst, formerly of Kenya, now of Sherfield English, Hampshire, and Philippa, eldest daugh ter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Nicholas Channing Williams, of Bulford, Wiltshire.

Mr A.K. Pinder and Miss E.A. Iddles The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Mrs Jean Pinder, and the late Mr

Rennie Pinder, of Wakefield, West Yorkshire, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger iddles, of Clanfield, Hampshire. Mr P.E. Reynolds and Miss V.A.L.P. Phillips

The engagement is announced between Paul Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs Edward Reynolds, of Neath. West Glamorgan, and Virginia Alexandra Louise Pares, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Phillips. of Upton, Buckinghamshire.

Marriages

Mr J. Dawes and Miss V. Clough The marriage took place on Sun- (4) day, May 19, at St Marys, Knebworth, between Mr James Dawes, younger son of Mr and Mrs Charles Dawes, and Miss Victoria Clough, daughter of Mrs Morris Clough and the late Mr Morris Clough. The Rev Timothy Harford officiated.

The bride was attended by Clara and Harry Womersley. A reception was held in

Knebworth Park, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad. Mr J.R. Fenty

and Miss C.M. Wyatt The marriage took place on Tues-day, May 14, 1996, at St John's, Barbados, between Mr Jefferson Fenty, of Barbados, and Miss Catherine Wyatt, younger daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Wyatt, of Ealing, London.

Mr J. Loudon and Mrs F. Cadbury The marriage took place quietly in London, on May 30, 1996, between Mr John Loudon and Mrs Felicity Cadbury.

Mr D. Tippett and Miss S. Griffiths The marriage took place on Sat-urday, May 25, at St Marks, Regent's Park, between Mr David Tippett, son of Mr and Mrs Julian Tippett, and Miss Sarah Griffith daughter of the late Mr David Griffiths and of Mrs David Grif-

fiths. The Rev Tom Devonshire Jones officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother. Mr Peter Griffiths, was attended by Miss. Joanna Tietz. Jessica and Hannah Tippett, and Alexander, Julia and David Griffiths, Mr Dominic Clavell was best man.

A reception was held in the garden of the Zoological Society of London and the honermoon is being spent in Italy.

The Roy Jenkins Appreciation

Society
The Society held its inaugural dinner at Boisdales on Saturday. May 25. The Provost, Mr Hywe Williams, and the Warden, Mr Johnny Leavesley, presided. Ex-cerpts from Lord Jenkins of Hillhead's works were read. Among those present were:
Mr and Mrs Matthew D'Ancona, Mr
Michael Gove, Mr Adrian Liftgow, Mr
Ranaid Mscdonaid of Clanranaid, Mr
David Ruffley, and Count and
Countes Sikarski.

Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators
Dr Ian Perry, Master of the Guild

of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, presided at the annual livery dinner held last night at Fishmongers' Hall. Major-General Simon Lytle spoke.

Reception

The Sephardi Centre

TRADE: 0171 481 1982

The Spanish Ambassador and Rabbi Abraham Levy held a Reception at The Sephardi Centre. Maida Vale, London on Wednesday to promote Jewish-Christian-Moslem relations. Sir Sigmund Sternberg presided and Mr Lucien Gubbay spoke.

BMD'S: 0171 680 6880 PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000

Then they will call to the Lord, but he will not answer. When that time comes he will hide his face from them, so wicked are their deeds. so wicked are their Miceh 3 : 4 (REB)

ALDERTON - On May 29th to Paula (née Kilikeliy) and Chris, a beautiful daughter Chris. a Describul daughter. Sophie Helens. a sister for Dominic Jon. ARMAOUTT - On 15th May

BIRTHS

ARNAGUIT - On 15th May 1996, to Rom and Soe, a deoghter, Jennier Hannah, a sister for Matthew.
ARNOTT - On May 25th at The Royal Surrey County Hospital, to Stephen and Kathy Onée Thompson), a daughter, hebella Ansanskia, a sister for Oliver and Lara.
AYLWARD - On 29th May 1996, to Lynu (the Adams), and Peter, a second son, Joseph John, a brother for Thomas and Natalle.
BANGE - On 16th May at Wycombe General Hospital, Buckinghamshire, to Suzanne (née Jewitt) and Andrew, a wooderful eon, Henry George Esker.
BEACH - On May 26th, to

BEACH - On May 26th, to Annabel (née Arnold) and Mark, a daughter, Eleanor CARP - On May 28th, to glaine (nee Heseltine) and Richard, a son, William

lerik Charles, a brothe for Lacy and Harriet.

COURTHEY - On May 26th.

to Keren and Peul. a beby
son. Edmund Anthony. a
brother for Grace Elizabeth. CRICKONORE - On 23rd May, to Debra (née Zivkovich) and Andraw, a son, Charles toutism Zvonimir. JAMAN - On May 25th at The

Portland Hospital, to Ramadan and Dalai, a

heautiful son 3.000 hrother for Hebe. LHEDBERG - On May 24th 1996 at Queen Charlotte's, to Felicity (nee Fott) and Philip ron, Matthew Schoolian, I MALLERET - On Monday 27th May at Queen Charlette's Hospital, to

CHARDY - On 22nd May, to Julian and Miranda. a designter. Clodagh June. a dister for Andrew and Iona. isabel and Rosanna.

PEELE - On May 28th 1996, to Deba (nee Lindsell) and, Nick, a son. George.

PURDY - On May 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Elspeth (née Bowner) and David, a PEES - On 24th May at The Portland Hospital, to Ann (Cooper) and David, a son, William Morgan, a brother for Gareth, Lewis and Bethan.

Rose born at The Portland Hospital on 23rd May to Amy and Allan. SPEAIGHT - On 28th May 1996, at Queen Charlotte's, to Gebrielle (ole Kooy-Lister) and Anthony, a son, Lawrence Frederick Joseph a brother for Edmund and THIMONS - On 22nd May 1996, to Catherine (new Nobles) and Bea, a son

SHWARTZSTEIN - Jessici

VAIL - On May 20th, to Amanda (née Dutton-Forshaw) and Dominic, a daughter, Anna India Maria, a sister for Locy and Alice.

VAN BLOCKE - On May 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Lactitic and Philippe. a beautiful daysebor. Justine.

DEATHS

ARNOLD - Robert Charles F.R.I.C.S., peacefully a home on May 29th 1996.
Requiem Mass at 1 pm
Thursday June 6th at Our
Lady And The English
Martyre, Cambridge, Family
flowers only, Donalions if desired to Dr Owen Edward's Diabetic Cantre Appeal. Addenbrookes

BOWSHER - On May 29th 1996 Ronald D'Arcy of Bubbenhall, Warts. a dear husband, father and brother, after a long illness courageously borne. Donations if desired to KRF. PO Box 123. Lincoh's lun Fields, London WC2A SPK specifically for research in lymphomas.

CAMOY - Nicholas 13th May 1949 - 21st May 1996. An adoring and devoted Dada to blarth, the beloved brother of Jocetyne and Marlens, caring uncle to Lotties and Helena and great pai to Terry. Paul. Miles. Dennis and many others, He shall be sad by missed but never furgoiten. Nicholas recently received his Executive M.B.A.

DEATHS

CALLOW - Philip Robert, aged 34 years of Ballasallahis of Man. Adored husband of Virginia (Dowly), much loved adopted father of Tanya, Edward and James Fick. As a result of a tragic accident, in Manchester on 23rd May 1996. Funeral service will take place in King Williams College Chapel, Castletown, less of Man, at 2 pan on Manday 3rd June, followed by Intermed in Malew Churchyard. Fundly Howers only please, douations in Bea to Hospice Care. c/o Mr P. Vickers, St. Erdigets Housice, Kanstagion Road, Dougtas of R.N.L.I. (Port Erin Branch) c/o Mr D. Rimmington (Treasurer) O'ort Erm Saranch) (70 Mr D. Rimmington (Treasurer) "Batteam" Dandy Hir, Pert Erm, his of Man. Enquires please to David Lancaster (Funeral Director) Derby Drive. Peel. I.O.M. tel: (01624) 842948.

CANBING - On 30th May 1996 after a valuant right against illness. Heather, loving and belowed wife of Loon Lissek. Funeral Service will be held at Chillerus Cremstorium, Amersham. Crematorium, Amersham, on Tuesday 4th June at 11.30 am. No flowers but donations if desired in her memory to Friends of Sobell House, Headington OX3 7LJ.

CHEETHAM - (Emis) Marjorie (nale Meigh), on 26th May, suddenly and peacefully at home. Widow of Leonard Caseithum, beloved sister of Edward must of Charles and Josephine. Funeral at Black Notley Church. Essex. Tuesday 4th June at 12.30. Flowers to Richards of Flowers to Richards Witham, 01376 513114.

COOPER - On May 24th after a long fliness courageously borne at St Barnabas Hospice, Uncoin, Marjorie Jean (née Walker) of Marsine-By-The-Sea. Cleveland, beloved wife of the late Jack, dearly loved mother of Peter and Jacqueime, dear mother in-law of Sue and David, Service to be held in St Sede's Chapel, Tersalde Crematorium, Middlesbrough, Cieveland, in Tuesday June 4th 1996 at 2pm prior to cremation.

DEMNYS - Mary Grace
Armelia - Peacefully, at her
home, om May 28th. 1996, at
the age of 74 years. Survived
by her loving brother A.
John R Demnys, and staturinlew Chermion of Pert Hops.
Ontario. Also lovingly
remembered by her riscoss
Pumela and her husband
Martin Klipper of Red Deer.
Alberta. Caristina and her
husband Donaid Rebus of
Camrose, Alberta, Nicola
Dennys of Parry Sound.
Onbirlo, and her five grandnephews and nieces.
Charmion, Matthew. Daria,
Philip and Stephen. Mary
Dentys. the deughter of Rev.
R.E.G. Dennys. B.A. B.D.
and Graca Dennys. was born
in 1921 in Victoria. B.C.
Beloved by generations of
sundensis at Havergal College.
Mary's life-long dedication to
the achool began as a student
in 1933. After graduating
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Toronto ('44), site returned
to Havergal, for a
distinguished career as a
teacher of Modern
Languages. Head of
Ouddance. Vice Principal and
in 1975 Principal. Upon
retirament in 1985, she
remained involved with the
school, chiefly with the Old
Ghis Association. Her many
other internsis included St.
Cements' Anglican Church,
the Woman's Musical Club of
Turonio, of which she was
past president, and working
with refuge groups. Mary
was also a founding member
and lairt Director of Camp
Gay Venture. A Memorial
Service will not for students
at 12.10pm. Cremation and
private internent Mount
Pleasant Cemetery, in fieu of
flowers, domations to the
Canadian Cancer Society
would be appreciated by the
family, Mary's family wishes
to Itaalik her many close

friends for their loving devotion and compassion during her libers.

EMBLEY - On 29th May 1996 at home after a protracted filness courageously borne Mary Georgins (Gina. née

Mary Georgina (Gina. née Lovelace), most beloved wite of Derek and mother of Miles, Nicholas and Charlotte. Greety loved by family and friends alike. Funeral Service at St Gregory's Church, Marahud, Dorset, on Thursday 6th June at 2.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Bracher Brothers F/D, Gillingham, Dorset, lei: (0.747) 822494.

DEATHS

EARL. Gladys Edna known to many as Jenny, on 25th May at home, suddenly but at home, suddenly but psacefully. Beloved wife of Touriny and loving mother of Anthany, she will be desply unlessed by her daughter-inaw Jane and all of her tamily and friends. Service will take place at Familia Park. Crematorium. Lestherhead, on Wednesday 5th June at 10 am. All friends welcome. No flowers please, but donations, if riends weiczne. No Rowers please, but donations, if desired, ho The League of Friends, Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey SM2 SPT.

GRLIMORE - On 27th May,
Air Vice-Marshai A.D.
(Peter) Gillmore CB CBE,
peacefully at Thamesfield
Nursing Home, Henley after
a short liness, Beloved father
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NEWTON - Suddenly on the 26th May, 1996 at her borne in Oraton. Mary Elizabeth (nie Liddel), much leved and loving wife of the last Philip., Orematical will take place on Thursday. 6th June at 2.18pm at Wilford Hill Crematorium, Nottingsham. All enquiries to William Roberta & Sona, Funeral Directors, Devon Lane. Bothesford. Nottingsham, tel: (01949) 842401. Domatione for Notts, & Derby Cat Club, British Short Hair Cat Club and Branshy Rest Home for Horses to the above address, or if preferred, out flowers.

KING - Squadron Leader Dennis King, DFC, 77 Squadron, aged 82, peaceulay in Capetown on May 29th.

MARTIM - The Reverend Father John. The death occurred of Father J. Martin on May 28th 1996 after a jong Manns. Father Martin was Plates in charge of St. Thomas Church, Hyde, in the diocese of Chester for the last fourteen years. Eventum reception on Tuesday 4th June at 8pm. Funeral Requiem on Wednesday 8th June 12.50pm, both at St. Thomas Church, Hyde. The Internent will take place at the Church of Hoty Spirk. Distington. Cumbris. on Wednesday 6th June at 8pm. Donaltons in then of Sowers to Ward 31 at Tamenide Gemeral Hospital (70 and at equilities to Fowdens Funeral Service, 3 hammen Spirest, Hyde. Int. (0161) 368-2231

NELLES - Malcolm Kenyon died 27th May in Ottawa. Beloved Husband of Stella. father of son Stephen, drughters Cella and Kale, son-in-law Paul and two grandsons.

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PAREORES - On Maw 27th, pencefully at Maidstone Hospital. Veronica Paraons (née Mansifeit) FRCM, aged 92. Widow of Basil (Paraons), beloved mother of Elizabeth, Josephine and the late Philipps, and loving grandmother and great-

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Jeremy Sinden, actor, died on May 29 from cancer aged 45. He was born on June 14, 1950.

JEREMY SINDEN specialised in playing eccentric military men and overgrown public schoolboys. They were the sort of Wodehousian buffoons which in clumsier hands might have lapsed into caricature.
His last incarnation, a role which he

was born to play, was as Toad of Toad Hall, that motoring terror of the English countryside. Thousands of theatregoers flocked to see Alan Bennett's adaptation of Wind in the Willows at the Old Vic, and in particular Sinden's masterful Toad. resplendently dressed in striped blazer and Frank Muir-style bow-tie. The Times reviewer described Sinden as "a nice sanug Toad, who wears everything down to his convict's arrows like a model on a Paris catwalk". Sinden was not just a children's actor. Apart from Toad, he was

perfectly cast as Goring in Wilde's The Ideal Husband and as Major Swindon in Shaw's The Devil's Disciple. His heatre experience ranged from Shakespeare to West End farce. There was also a good deal of television work. If there was a theme to his work, it lay in his talent for comedy. He had the impressively large physique, and open, mobile features which naturally lend themselves to farce.

Sinden was a popular man in the business. He had a delightful, unstuffy sense of humour. In one long run of Follow the Star at Chichester, he had been suffering from a cold, and had smothered himself with Vick's Vaporub. He was highly amused to notice that the unfortunate dancers on stage, who followed in his wake, had tears streaming down their faces. Henceforth he became known backstage as "Old Vick".

Jeremy Sinden came from distinguished acting stock. He was the son of Donald Sinden, who had made his own reputation as an actor in lighthearted film roles in the 1950s. Jeremy grew up feeling that he had to share his father like a piece of "public property" with the rest of the world. He and his brother Marc learnt the necessity of being "on duty", and well-behaved on family outings. Initially Jeremy had no ambition to follow his glamorous parent into acting. It was only later in childhood, after watching Anthony Quayle in The Guns of Navarone, that he realised that a leading man did not have to look particularly handsome, and that he therefore stood a chance in the profession himself.

JEREMY SINDEN



The English master at Lancing. where he went to school, hardly helped. He told Sinden that he could be in the school play because "your father's an actor". Sinden's school chums understandably found this attitude objectionable, and determined to put the new boy in his place. To compound their disapproval, Donald Sinden advised against either of his sons following him into such a precarious profession as acting: university and then, if they must, a career in stage management, but not acting.

Almost inevitably, therefore, Jeremy Sinden left school for London and for the dissolute lifestyle of a young jobbing actor. He lacked the necessary narcissism to become a juvenile lead: "You have to love yourself more than most people do, and I never have," he said. But he proved to be a solid character actor with a nice sense of timing, and the ability to learn fast.

Because of his rather stocky build

and patrician vowel sounds he tended to be typecast as an officer and a gentleman or a starch-ridden Englishman. To an extent he was not really acting in these parts. Sinden loved everything about English country life.

He drank Pimm's in the summer and had played croquet, the latter obsessively, since his earliest years. He came up the traditional route

through repertory theatre and two seasons with the RSC at Stratford where he worked as an assistant stage manager, and understudied 45 parts. In 1972 he made his West End debut as Private Broughton in Journey's End. He then made the unusual step of going back to school for some formal training on a three-year course at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. He felt this was necessary in order to iron out deficiencies in his

After Lamda, Sinden appeared in four plays at the Chichester Festival. By the late 1970s he had landed the part of Anthony Mortimer in Crossroads, which had a huge following. But fame did not bring him much happiness. He described himself as a "lost soul" in his late twenties, deeply depressed by the break-up of a relationship with a girlfriend.

All that changed in 1978 when Sinden met Delia Lindsay, who was acting in the same play, Lady Harry, at the Savoy Theatre. He was 29, she 34,

and they fell in love and became engaged almost immediately. They were married in July of that year, and in the best acting tradition, Delia rushed straight from the wedding reception to the National Theatre, where she was appearing in a production of Bedroom Farce.

Sinden appeared in a good deal of television during the 1980s: The Sweeney, Danger UXB and Brideshead Revisited among them. He gave a fine comic performance as Boy Mulcaster, one of the Oxford set. in the latter highly acclaimed series. He asked the director if he would mind filming a difficult man-to-man talk which his character had to give to Jeremy Irons on the croquet pitch, in order to show off to viewers his sporting prowess: "It was meant to end with a particularly brilliant shot from me." But by the time the scene was filmed, winter had set in and Sinden had to play the scene over a snooker table, where he missed his shot eight

Denholm Elliot gave him the sensible advice to turn down no part he was offered. He still had a cherubic, chubby-cheeked face, and hardly looked old enough for the parts he was playing. He could not afford to be fussy. With this in mind, he accepted everything, and remained in steady, if unspectacular, employment throughout the 1980s.

Sinden was not really a film actor. but he played the president of the Gilbert and Sullivan society in Chari-ots of Fire (1981), and starred in John Schlesinger's Madame Sousatzka (1988). In 1989 he and his wife performed An Ideal Husband with their own touring company, and in 1994 he played Major Swinden in Shaw's The Devil's Disciple at the Royal National Theatre.

His real triumph was his final part as Toad in Wind in the Willows, a role which he took on in the autumn of last year at the Old Vic. Sadly he discovered soon afterwards, in November, that he had cancer. But in the best show-must-go-on fashion, he contin-ued as Toad until this spring.

Sinden was an inveterate letterwriter to The Times and The Daily Telegraph. His advice to young actors, depressed by hostile reviewers, was to ignore them. Of one particularly waspish notice, he wrote "While the critic caused me a somewhat uneasy breakfast, I contented myself with the knowledge that I had given him a perfectly ghastly evening.

Jeremy Sinden is survived by his wife, and their two daughters.

BERNARD SENDALL

Bernard Sendall, CBE, Deputy Director General of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, 1955-71, died on May 25 aged 83. He was born on April 30, 1913.

BERNARD SENDALL Spent his entire career in public service, first in Whitehall, then - latterly in the Brompton Road - for the IBA (formerly the Independent Television

Authority).
He was a skilled administrator, a behind-the scenes operator whose analysis and advice could be relied upon. But he himself was always more than content to leave the gramour and the limelight to

It was probably that rare combination of authority and reticence which particularly commended him to two of his masters, Winston Churchill, whom he served as private secretary in the Admiralty from 1939 to 1940, and then Churchill's protègé, Brendan Bracken, whom he served in the same capacity when Bracken became Minister of Information in 1941.

Bernard Charles Sendall was born in Malvern, Worcestershire. He went to an elementary school, of which his father was the headmaster, and then, on a scholarship to Worcester's Royal Grammar School. Like his brother, Wilfred (for many years Crossbencher of the Sunday Express and before that lobby. correspondent of The Daily Telegraph), he had a sharp intelligence: after Worcester Royal Grammar School he went on to Magdalen College, Oxford, where he took a first in PPE and then, in 1934-35, to Harvard. He entered the Civil Service in the Admiralty in 1935, becoming Churchill's private secretary at the outbreak of war.

He struck up a particularly close rapport with Brendan Bracken, whom he served first



when Bracken was Churchill's political "Mr Fixit" at No 10, then as private secretary when Bracken became Minister of Information. It was Bracken who gave him his nickname "Sunshine" Sendall. The minister used to like to keep the adjoining door between their offices open so that he and Sendall could keep up a constant chatter as they went about their appointed tasks.

Sendall had thus served a hard apprenticeship under two of the most ebullient figures in government. He was rewarded in 1946 when he was appointed Controller (Home) of the Central Office of Information. From 1949 to 1951 he served as Controller for the Festival of Britain. then, between 1951 and 1955, he was an Assistant Secretary in the Admiralty. He had been appointed CBE in 1952.

In 1954 Sir Robert Fraser, Director-General of the Central Office of Information since 1946, was selected to be Director-General of the newly formed ITA. When, in 1955, the first Secretary of the authority returned to the Post Office, from which he had been seconded, Fraser asked Sendall, then 42, to replace him. Sendall was appointed Deputy Director-General. His brief was to take charge

DUNCAN STEWART

of administration and to concentrate on policy questions arising from the Television Act, 1954. particularly the authority's relationship with the programme contractors.

It was a job which he accomplished with remarkable skill. The authority had before it the example of the American commercial television system, which lacked any real element of public service. Part of the authority's job was to interweave the commercial and public service elements in order that Britain should have a distinctive commercial network of better quality than that of the US.

The task was not an easy one. Some contractors, like Sidney Bernstein of Granada, needed no convincing. They accepted from the start that they had a duty to inform and educate as well as to entertain. But others needed constant reminders that showbusiness was only a part of what commercial television was supposed to be about

Sendall's success at the IBA was due in no short measure to his skill as a committee man. He and Fraser had a clear idea of what the authority should do and Sendall was without parallel in using the committee system to further those ends. He was adept at quietly turning a committee in the direction that he himself had determined was best, though without letting the other members of the committee feel that they were being

manipulated. . Part of Sendall was the austere civil servant, as refelected in the slightly severe volumes he wrote on the ITA's history, but he could be very warm and friendly. His various chiefs, particularly Bracken and Fraser, found in him a man in whom they could confide with complete confidence.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, whom he married in 1963, and by a stepson.

PETER POOL



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Peter Pool solicitor and Cornish historian, died of cancer of the nancreas on May 15 aged 63. He was born on March 16, 1933.

A BARD of the Gorsedd of Cornwall for forty years, Peter Pool, who took Gwas Galva as his bardic name, was a master his county's ancient Brithonic tongue. A keen exponent of unified Cornish, he devoted himself to its revival. He was a member of Agan Tavas (Our Tongue) and the founder and first secretary of the Cornish Language Board. He took a passionate part in the controversy which sur-

guage, writing in The Second Death of Cornish, his recent booklet: "I appealed to all sections of the revival movement to work out some form of compromise and save our cause from ruin; my reward was to be lampooned as a dinosaur. The time has come for this dinosaur to roar."

Pool was also a scholar of the history and archaeology of Cornwall. He wrote numerous articles and pamphlets on local historical and antiquarian topics and was twice awarded the Henwood Medal of the Royal Institute of Corn-

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Peter Aubrey Seymour Pool was born in Penzance. His father ran a family engineering business at Hayle, and Peter was educated locally at St Erbyn's School before going on to Keble College, Oxford, where he studied for a degree

It was while he was practising as a solicitor in London that he first began to take a serious interest in the ancient language of his county. He

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the Cornish Gorsedd. A dedicated student, he soon went on himself to teach Cornish in London, and based his book Cornish for Beginners around his experience.

In the 1950s Pool returned to

Cornwall, as he had always wished to do, and set up his own firm of solicitors. However, he still found time to pursue his scholarly pursuits. He published a pamphlet. The Typography of the Penheleg Manuscript, which dealt with a document written in the 16th century by the Head Bailiff of the Arundells of Laberne. Pool had come across this manu-script quite by chance under the bed of a butcher in St Buryan.

After moving to Zennor in 1965 he involved himself in the work of the peasant poet. Henry Quick, and also edited the diary of the Zennor farmer James Stevens.

He played an active part in local life. He was the local secretary of the Council for the Protection of Rural England and as such played a vital role in the preservation of Penwith from Carnelloe to Chapel Carn Brea. He was a member of the Penzance Old Corriwall Society, acting as its president five times. He was also a member of the Naturalist Trust and an active member of the West Cornwall Field Club which became the Cornwall Archaeological Society, taking part in a number of excavations.

he devoted much time to researching and compiling a history of his family. He leaves a widow Audrey. who is also a Cornish Bard.

Duncan Stewart, Fellow and tutor of Wadham College, 1955-79, Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, 1979-95. died on May 22 aged 66. He was born on February . 14, 1930. DUNCAN STEWART came

as a Rhodes Scholar to Oxford not long after the war; he was to remain there to make a substantial contribution to the university in postwar years. He was the first Principal of Lady Margaret Hall when, after one hundred years as a society for women only, the college altered its statutes to admit men. It must have seemed a

formidable undertaking to guide a college through such a dramatic change in its consti-tution. In practice it turned out not to be such a problem, but Duncan did ponder the theory of the position and derived some comfort from the fact that when he came to retire there were more female heads of house in Oxford than there had been before colleges began to go mixed.

Duncan Montgomery Stew art grew up in the South Island of New Zealand at Dunedin, where his father was a headmaster. He read Classics at Christchurch University before going on to take a degree in Modern Languages in the rigorous environment of the Queen's College in Oxford. His first recollection of Lady Margaret Hall was the pleasant one of going for tutorials in Old Provençal in which he was taught by Rhoda Sutherland. After taking a first in

Schools in 1955 he was talentspotted by Sir Maurice Bowra for Wadham, where he remained as lecturer and then fellow and tutor until 1979. In After his retirement in 1988. 1961 he married Valerie Boileau, beginning a singularly happy partnership of 35 years. As well as being a valued



tutor and a good college man, Stewart was for many years active in university affairs. For 15 years he was a member of Hebdomadal Council and also spent two periods as a member of the General Board of the Faculties, acting as its chair-man from 1967 to 1978. His guidance of this most taxing committee was widely acclaimed. He was chairman of the libraries board and a curator of the Bodleian. As chairman of the Oxford

and Cambridge Schools Examination Board he attempted to rationalise that complicated world. He was also chairman of the management committee of the language teaching centre and played an important part in establishing what has become financially, as well as academically, a great asset to the

university. From 1985 Stewart was a Rhodes trustee. He was also chairman of the curators of the university parks. As a keen gardener and a lover of trees. ne took particular pleasure in this task In 1979 Stewart became

Principal of Lady Margaret Hall. He and his wife entertained undergraduates and graduates and members of the

senior common room until they felt that they knew them. The extent to which the junior body appreciated his understanding of their interests and their problems was shown in the warmin of their response at the Gaudy in 1995 held to mark his retirement

Although always aware of the financial dangers of an underendowed college, he was also concerned with the particular financial difficulties of its iunior members and enthusiastically seconded efforts to increase accomodation and the standard of food. As belitted a Rhodes Scholar, he had been a keen rugby player and continued to hope that LMH would produce a Blue. He watched with interest the steady ascent of the LMH boats up the Torpids and Eights tables but he also realised that, for sport to flourish, grounds and boathouse must be provided - a female as well as a male requirement - and so they were, by judicious alliance with another college.

Stewart had many interests. He loved opera and shared with his wife an interest in modern painting. He was fond of France, its language, its food and its wine. It is sad that he had so little time to enjoy the house which he built in Headington or that in Tarn et Garonne where he and his wife had planned to spend half the year.

Stewart had always intended to retire early, arguing that 15 years was as long as a head of house could be useful. He was a man of great courage, moral as well as physical, and a figure of total probity. If one sensed sometimes a certain reticence there was also abundant friendliness. "Affable" is the word the 17th century would have used to describe him.

He is survived by his wife and a daughter and son.

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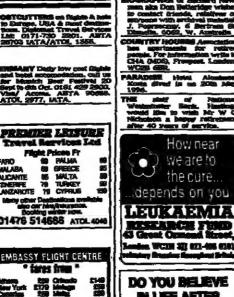
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A LOOPHOLE FOR CONSCIENCE.

WORK ON THE LAND. Conscientious objectors are intractable folk. That is a fact to be reckoned with, and the solution of the problem cannot be found in merely relegating them to non-combatant service ...

Equality of sacrifice is an unattainable ideal. If all other conditions were the same, differences of temperament would make the burden heavier in some cases than in others. But universality of sacrifice is attainable, and should be aimed at. In this sense, universal national service, at the present serious crisis, becomes the highest use that a people or an individual can make of national or personal Is it possible on these lines to introduce any

sort of principle into our dealings with conscientious objectors? The difficulty partly arises from the loose way in which the word "conscience" has been used in legislation and from a disregard of a momentous change in its meaning ... A man may, for instance, sincerely believe that a military organization is injurious to the interests of his class and to the development of its due influence and progress. But he cannot claim for his belief the higher sanction either of a religious or of a moral

ON THIS DAY

May 31, 1916

Some 7,000 objectors agreed to perform noncombatant services, and another 3,000 went to abour camps . . . There were, in all, less than two thousand who absolutely refused all compulsory service" (Robert Rhodes James: The British Revolution 1880-1939).

creed. The real difficulty, therefore, only arises in the case of a conscientious objection to any form of military service on religious or moral grounds. Here, it is submitted, the only solution is to admit the exemption, provided that the principle of universal sacrifice is maintained. In effect this means that some form of useful and important national service must be accepted by those who claim exemption on the ground of religious or moral

conscience. At the present crisis soldiers, munitions of war, and home-grown food are the pressing needs of the nation. Those who conscientiously object to military service, whether combatant or non-combatant, or to the making of guns or shells, must accept service in the production of

The national importance of increased foodproduction is unquestionable; at the same time, work on the land is free from what conscientious objectors consider to be the raint of military service. Here, then, is the opportunity for those objectors who really desire to take their share in a universal sacrifice. Coercion into the Army, combatant or noncombatant, is the alternative: but it is full of practical difficulties. A number of men. brought into a battalion against their will, and detained under perpetual protest, must inevitably be more or less prejudicial to discipline. The infliction of penalties of increasing severity on those who consistently refuse to obey orders imposes on an officer an odious task, and no civilian, however much he dislikes the attitude of conscientious objectors. or however traculent he may be in theory, really wishes to hear of their ignominious punishment. Long terms of imprisonment are expensive and wasteful of national assets.

Provided that conscientious objectors agreed to work on the land, they might be taken out of the Army, or released from imprisonment, or granted exemptions from military service . . .

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Israeli poli threatens peace process

Israel's election remained on a knife-edge last night with Binyamin Netanyahu, the right-wing challenger, ready to cause a dramatic upset if votes of more than 100,000 serving Israeli soldiers confirm his slender lead over Shimon Peres, the incumbent Labour Prime Minister.

As projections of Mr Peres's slender overnight lead were reversed in favour of Mr Netanyahu, the future of the Middle

Vogue attacked over 'skeletal' models

■ The Omega watch company has withdrawn advertisements from Vogue magazine in protest at the use of "distasteful" pictures of a "skeletal" model in its June edition which it claimed could exert a harmful influence on young and impressionable readers.

Blair's salvation

Peter Thomson, an Australian priest who is Tony Blair's spiritual mentor, has flown halfway round the world from his cattle ranch to be by the Labour leader's side in the run-up to the general

Agonising wait

Parents waited for up to five hours to hear whether their children had survived the massacre at Dunblane Primary School the in-...Pages 1. 4 quiry heard

Fish fightback

Britain has delivered a forthright rejection of European Union proposals to slash the national fishing fleet and ministers said they would not comply with the proposed 40 per cent cutPage 2

Thornton freed

Sara Thornton was convicted of the manslaughter of her drunken husband and, after walking free from court, said she had been fairly punished......Page 3

Dental inquiry

A doctor who gave anaesthetic to a schoolgirl who died in the dentist's chair told an inquest that one of his machines was broken

Marquess to leave

The Marquess of Bristol has sold off ancient titles and plans to leave the family seat at Ickworth in Suffolk, and build a new life in the Bahamas Page 5

Road deaths fall

The number of road deaths fell last year to the lowest level since records began in the 1920s, putting the British second only to the Norwegians as the safest drivers in the world

Luck of the Irish

Irish people living in Britain have much higher mortality rates than the natives, even if they were born here, according to a study published in the British Medical Journal Page 10

Slim support for EU

Yesterday's MORI poli for The Times shows that, by a small majority, the public still favours British membership of the EU but opposes further measures of integration.Page li

China travel fears

The Foreign Office has issued a new warning to travellers in China about increasing attacks on foreigners Page 12

Clinton escapes

President Clinton averted more damaging headlines by partially acceding to a demand for "Travelgate" documents just hours before a vote to hold the White House in contempt of ... Page 13

Smugglers stung

An FBI "sting" netted seven arms dealers who appeared to be importing weapons from the Chinese armed forces Page 15

Bulldozers fill in the 'passion pits'

■ Drive-in movie theatres, a beacon of Americana since the 1940s and scene of countless first kisses, are on the brink of extinction. Even in California's San Fernando Valley, once the drive-in capital of the United States, only one remains and in Fresno the last of its many "passion pits"



After one of the coldest Mays on record, children take advantage of finer weather to play in the Trafalgar Square fountains yesterday

Economy: The British economy will grow by only 2 per cent this

year but is set fair for healthy growth and low inflation .. Page 23 Midland: Directors at the parent company of Midland Bank look set to back down over their controversial El6 million incentive scheme

after intense pressure from shareholders.....Page 23 Inside: A former executive of Bankers Trust responsible for ensuring that the bank's employees did not break the law has been charged with insider dealing......Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 29.0 points to close at 3746.7. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 85.4 to 85.7 after a rise from \$1.5189 to \$1.5342 and from DM2.3472 to DM2.3507 Page 26

Tennis: The straight-sets win by Michael Stich over Greg Rusedski suggests he could challenge for the French Open title Page 44

SPORT

Football: The Football League agreed a £5.25 million three-year sponsorship with the Nationwide Building Society to add to a £125million, five-year television . Page 44

Cricket: The umpires had to intervene when David Capel brandished his bat at Dermot Reeve and Keith Piper during the match between Northamptonshire and Warwickshire Page 40

Salling: Samantha Brewster's bid to sail solo around the world is facing an unexpected obstacle in Chay Blyth, who wants his boat .. Page 44

Deck cheers: A pastiche musical. Dames at Sea, is the hit of this vear's Covent Garden Festival. "It's unashamedly aimed at an audience which loves the Warner musicals of

the 1930s." John Higgins ... Page 31 Doing the Bis: With dozens of record companies competing to sign them up. Bis are symptomatic of a new wave of bright British

teenage bandsPage 32 Quiet flows the Nile: Only three albums in 12 years, but the new release from Blue Nile is full of intelligent songs.....Page 33

Orfeo danced: Mark Morris has presented his danced version of Gluck's opera Orfeo in New York, prior to this summer's Edinburgh Festival

FEATURES

Valerie Grove talks to Robert Fox producer and younger brother of Edward and James, who, his mother says, is actually the best looking of the three

Boos for you: Have I got News for You thrives on unfortunate guest appearances such as the one last week by Piers Morgan, Editor of the Daily Mirror Page 17 Resident alien: At 87 Quentin

Crisp, for all his gay declamations and controversial life, still retains a characteristically English selfrestraint.

EDUCATION

Literacy war: Evidence published earlier this week shows that Britain is slipping further down the competitiveness league table to nineteenth place, with Chile and Taiwan among the countries ahead .. Page 35

Hearing for the deaf: Parents of a deaf child are challenging Hampshire County Council's decision to send her to the local comprehensive rather than to a school for deaf

The McDougal-Tucker convictions, the upcoming bank-fraud case, and any others that might arise from Mr Starr's ongoing and very active investigation, have everything to do with the President

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Jack Dec and Jeremy Hardy pool their comedy talents. Jack and Jeremy: Real Lives (Channel 4, 10.30pm) Review: Lynne Truss sees the SAS enjoying a good massacrePage 43

OPINION

Likud's opportunity

If Binyamin Netanyahu becomes Israel's leader, he will have a mandate to negotiate from strength. He should use it..

Primary lessons

The biggest educational scandal of this Government is that it has allowed teacher training colleges. for the past 17 years, to turn out teachers who have not been taught how to teachPage 19

To the manor pawned

Lordships of the manor convey no right to a seat in the House of Lords. These cracked baubles bestow little more than rights to graze on land long built over Page 19

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

Would you like a few dozen slaves for Christmas? Yes, yes, and yes again, I am talking about the horrors of Sudan, which may well at present hold the Blue Riband of savagery

SARAH BAXTER

Labour's Euro-enthusiasts and sceptics have little in common except the desire not to stick their necks out on any given European controversy. That unity may not be sustained for long, based as it is on the politics of the lowest common denominator .. PETER RIDDELL

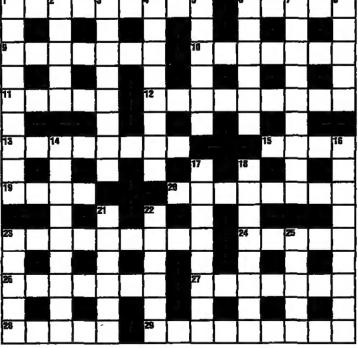
The British public favours a tough line over the beef crisis, is becoming more sceptical about Europe. but is unwilling to give any credit to the Government, according to yesterday's MORI poll Page II

OBITUARIES

Jeremy Sinden, actor: Bernard Sendall, Deputy Director-Gener. . of the Independent Broadcastine Authority; Duncan Stewart, Principal of Lady Margaret Hall: Peter Pool, solicitor and Cornish historian

view from the Moon; disclosure of criminal records: investment in

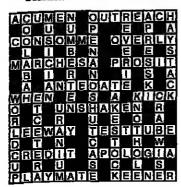
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ACROSS

may (7).

- I Historian brings wicked king
- back to us (9). 6 Engineers almost broke puzzle (5). 9 Bang out when there's disorder? It
- 10 Operating as a policeman is (2.5). 11 Rank actors by voice (5).
- 12 I wondered vaguely what might be on tonight (9).
- 13 Road undulates round river chan-
- 15 Be wholly against a cask remaining unfinished (4). 19 Collar – put on one from another
- 20 Covered ends of dungaree, having unravelled (8).
- 23 To find fault, here comes the craftsman (9). 24 Some held King George to be mad
- Solution to Puzzle No 20,181



- 26 Rebuffed boy that's lacking a date (4.3).
- 27 Tax that's paid with gratitude (7). 28 Brightness of quiet evening. briefly put into poem (5).
- 29 Do I matter? Terribly, one would

- I Where child is made to eat up?
- 2 Magic symbols put spell on opponents in game (5).
- 3 Bishop said no movement should capture the church (8). 4 Note the colour is made fast (8).
- 5 independent enters reserved row 6 Club shows improvement (6). 7 Cumbrian lad who works in the
- market? (6,3). 8 Grim film we abandoned (5).
- 14 Allusion from judge about new start for criminal (9). 16 The likes of Paddington can provide boy with transport (5,4).

17 Arrested criminal with sharp

- teeth (8). 18 Manual worker (8). 21 Laboured in the French port (6).
- 22 Class issue (6).
- 23 Cooper's first to get requests to
- make these (5). 25 Grim and corrupt birthplace of

Lancastrian (5).

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☐ General: England and Wales will have sunny spells and showers, appropriate code mainly in the west at first but reater London... developing inland; parts of the South East may stay dry. It will be windy, especially in the North, with set Hants & IOW temperatures about the se average. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be windy with blustery Norfolk, Suffolk, Carnos West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent showers, perhaps rain in northwest Scotland; eastern Scotland will be sunniest; temperatures a little be-

☐ London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England: sunny spells, scattered showers developing. Wind southwesterly, fresh occasionally strong. Fresher, max 20C (SSE) toria & Lake District Grampian & E Highlands . . . N W Scotland

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W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Central N: sunny spells and showers. Wind southwesterly, fresh to strong. Fresher, max 16C (61F).

FORECAST

☐ Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyli, N Ireland: sunny intervals and blustery showers, some heavy, possibly half or thunder. Wind south or southwest, strong to gale. Max 15C (59F). ☐ NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Ork-ney, Shetland: dry start, showers developing. Wind south or south-

strong to gale. Max 15C ■ NW Scotland: cloudy, blustery showers or rain. Wind south to southwest, gale, perhaps severe gale at times. Max 13C (55F). Outlook: sunny spells and howers, rain on Sunday in South West; average temperatures. Pollen forecast: low in the North, Scotland and Northern Ire-

land; low to moderate in London, the South East, the South West, East Anglia, Midlands and Wales.

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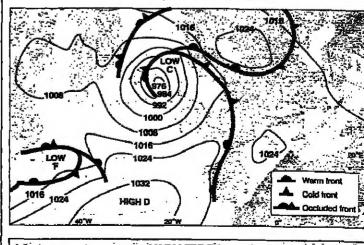
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